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An unmanned, rigid-hulled inflatable boat from Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock, Md., operates autonomously during a demonstration of swarm boat technology held on the James River in Newport News, Va., on Aug. 12.

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## Heading into uncharted waters

By **JON HARPER**  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Two months ago on the James River in Virginia, the Navy made a technological breakthrough. For the first time, the service launched a fleet of “swarm boats” against a fake enemy target. It wasn’t the boats that were impressive, but the way they were being operated: There were no sailors on board — the vessels

### Navy debuts unmanned robotic boats with new swarm capability

were piloting themselves. The successful demonstration of swarm boat capabilities doesn’t just signify the development of a cool, new toy for the military. It also gives us a window into how the Navy could man and equip

itself and fight in the decades ahead.

#### The test and the tech

The exercise, which took place in August, simulated the transit of a large

Navy vessel through a strait, a journey that could be perilous if carried out in the presence of a foe with hostile intent. The mission of the swarm boats was to protect the high-value ship as it navigated through narrow waters.

During the demonstration, a manned aircraft flying over the river identified a vessel that posed a threat to the capital ship and sent a signal directly to 13 swarm boats below.

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## Despite scrutiny, whistleblowers say problems persist at Phoenix VA

By **HEATH DRUZIN**  
*Stars and Stripes*

Employees of the beleaguered Phoenix VA health care system say many of the problems that led to a nationwide scandal still plague the system five months after revelations of patients dying on secret wait lists, falsified data and a toxic culture.

“As far as the administrative culture, I haven’t seen any change at all,” said Phoenix VA doctor Katherine Mitchell, who was reassigned after reporting problems with emergency care at the hospital. “Certainly, my chain of command hasn’t been changed.”

While VA Secretary Eric Shinseki lost his job over the re-

lations and current secretary Bob McDonald has promised sweeping reforms, senior leaders directly implicated in the wrongdoing — and widely blamed for creating a toxic workplace culture — continue to draw their salaries. Making meaningful workplace change will be difficult, according to current and

former employees of the Phoenix VA health care system, without new leaders.

Phoenix VA Health Care System Director Sharon Helman, who is on paid administrative leave, and her chief of staff, Darren Deering, who remains in his job, have come under fire from current and former Phoenix employees, who are perplexed that

they still have their jobs.

“Until the VA holds some of those people accountable, nothing is going to change,” said Paula Pedene, a former spokeswoman for the Phoenix VA Health Care System who was reassigned to a basement library after speaking out about systemic problems.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The two worst things in baseball are boredom and frustration, and we were battling both of those tonight."

— Craig Stammen, one of eight relievers used by the Washington Nationals on Saturday in their 18-inning National League Division Series Game 2 loss to the San Francisco Giants after starter Jordan Zimmermann was yanked while ahead 1-0 with two outs in the ninth inning

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## WAR/MILITARY

# Swarm: Navy research chief says Cole bombing triggered project

### FROM FRONT PAGE

The boats sensed their environment, planned their routes and maneuvered — without the assistance of a human operator — toward the danger in a synchronized fashion without hitting any of the dozens of ships and obstacles on the river.

The boats' paths were determined by sensors.

"Each boat was sharing situational awareness information and ... seeing a fused picture of the other vessel traffic on the river ... They were working as a team," Robert Brizzolara, program manager at the Office of Naval Research, told reporters at the Pentagon last week.

Once the swarm boats got close to the target, they blocked the path between the enemy and the American ship.

"We were able to take our unmanned surface vessels, leave the ... high value unit, engage the threat, encircle the threat, set up a barrier and then allow that UAV to proceed on safely," Rear Adm. Matthew Klunder, the chief of naval research, said.

In this case, the enemy was a single ship that remained stationary during the exercise, but Klunder said the swarm boats have the capability to thwart multiple moving vessels if deployed in large numbers. Klunder envisions using up to 20 swarm boats at a time in tactical situations.

During the August test, the swarm boats didn't attack the enemy vessel because the purpose was to prove the complex maneuvering technology. But the boats are capable of employing lethal and nonlethal capabilities to deal with threats, Klunder said.

Lethal tools include .50-caliber machine guns and microwave-directed energy weapons. Nonlethal capabilities include the use of overwhelming noise and lights that could debilitate operators of enemy ships.

The autonomous maneuvering was made possible by a device that looks like a small silver box. The technology, which the Office of Naval Research calls Control Architecture for Robotic Agent Command and Sensing, or CARACaS, can be installed on almost any boat. Klunder said it could potentially be put on larger ships, including destroyers.

The transportable kit that houses CARACaS is relatively cheap, costing thousands of dollars in-



JOHN F. WILLIAMS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The successful demonstration of the swarm boat concept has significant operational and moral implications for the Navy.

stead of millions, Klunder said.

"We're not going out and buying new patrol craft," he noted.

CARACaS' advanced software and sensors, which Klunder calls "the secret sauce," is what gives the device such high-tech capabilities.

"The excitement about this technology is it is autonomous," he said.

However, the employment of CARACaS-equipped ships would be similar to drones in that a decision to use lethal force would be made by people, not machines.

"We have every intention to ... destroy [the enemy] if necessary, but always with a human in the loop," Klunder said.

He said he expects CARACaS to be fielded within a year. "This train is moving really fast," he said.

### The future

The successful demonstration of the swarm boat concept has significant operational, technological, manpower and moral implications for the Navy in the coming years and decades.

The advent of unmanned naval systems means that fewer sailors will be needed to accomplish some missions. Instead of using three or four sailors to man human-piloted swarm boats — as the Navy does now — the operations of the autonomous vessels could be overseen remotely by just one sailor. The lower manpower requirements means more patrol boats can be put in the water to combat threats, according to Klunder.

"That is the future," he said. Using autonomous vessels also enhances the safety of sailors.

"By using unmanned systems,

you take humans potentially out of harm's way," Samuel Brannen, an unmanned systems expert with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, told Stars and Stripes.

Brannen said swarm boats could prove immensely useful if Iran ever tried to use small vessels to wage asymmetric warfare against U.S. Navy ships in the Persian Gulf or Strait of Hormuz. "That's been a nightmare scenario for the Navy for some time," he said.

Klunder said a key motivation for creating the CARACaS system was to prevent terrorist attacks similar to the USS Cole bombing on Oct. 12, 2000, in which al-Qaida operatives used a small boat filled with explosives to kill 17 U.S. sailors and injure 39 others off the coast of Yemen.

"If we had ... this capability there on that day, I'm sure we would have saved that ship," he said. "We don't want to see that ever happen again."

Navy officials and outside experts see the CARACaS technology being used for a variety of military and civilian tasks, including minesweeping, anti-submarine warfare, supporting special operations and port security.

"Swarm can be thought of as just one example of a behavior of this team of unmanned surface vehicles. The important point is CARACaS is flexible enough that we can use it to accomplish a number of different behaviors," Brizzolara said. "Swarm is just one example of a behavior."

Unmanned systems also have budgetary implications. At a time when the Pentagon is facing fiscal constraints and ballooning personnel costs, reducing manpower requirements through the use

of new technology could free up money to be used elsewhere.

"When you think of what a sailor costs ... for a variety of tasks it might make more sense to invest in autonomous systems," Brannen said.

The CARACaS technology could move beyond the surface fleet as the Navy contemplates an emerging operational concept: multidomain robotic warfare.

In the future, Klunder said, the Navy will have unmanned surface ships, submarines and aircraft patrolling the seas. Experts said the next step is to link them up.

"The next generation of this ... you blend together different unmanned systems so it's not your unmanned surface vessels acting cooperatively, but it's them acting cooperatively with a larger family of unmanned systems," according to Peter Singer, a technology expert and futurist at the New America Foundation.

"The next generation of this ... which can be armed, illustrate a moral dilemma that has emerged with advances in autonomous systems: Should they be allowed to decide when to pull the trigger and kill people?"

"We still believe that there should be a human that makes that decision," Klunder said.

Some experts say views on that subject could change. If technology advances at the rate it has been, "it's going to be more and more tempting to think about scenarios" in which it would be advantageous to use unmanned systems off the leash, Brannen said.

Despite the advances, Singer believes powerful elements in the Navy may still hope the odds of those who see a brave new world for unmanned systems in coming years.

"The choppy waters ahead are more organizational, bureaucratic, cultural, essentially people questions than they are technological questions," he said.

He believes there are "tribes" and bureaucratic interests in the service who haven't fully embraced unmanned technology and are still wedded to manned systems that don't have as much potential. Recent Navy budgets reveal that autonomous systems aren't as much of a priority as they should be, according to Singer.

"The real key is do they make it past the valley of death" when programmatic decisions are made, he said.

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## MILITARY

# 'Like meeting old friends'

## Vietnamese family reconnects with sailors who rescued them

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

SAN DIEGO — Lien Nguyen joked that her husband was drifting off a bit during the second act of the musical "Miss Saigon" when she cast performed the song "Dust of Life" and photos of Vietnamese children and families were projected for the audience.

But one photo caught Nguyen's eye and she said to her husband, "That looks just like your mom."

Doan Ha said he instead was fixated on one of the three children in the photo: himself at age 5.

Ha has vague memories of Vietnam and knew that his family had fled in a stolen wooden fishing boat in 1979. He knew his parents, siblings and nearly 20 others in the boat were rescued by a Navy ship. He didn't realize there were more than a dozen photos of the rescue in the National Archives.

The photo motivated Ha to find out more, and eventually to contact one of the sailors from the ship that saved him.

On Sept. 28, 35 years since the USS Wabash dropped the Ha family in the Philippines, they reunited with some of the men who rescued them.

### Dangerous escape

Thanh Ha was a fisherman before serving in the South Vietnamese Army. After the fall of Saigon in 1975, he returned home to Nha Trang to hide from the North Vietnamese, who were intent on putting South Vietnamese soldiers and members of the previous government into "re-education camps."

Thanh, his wife, Van, and their young children lived in difficult conditions, always worried that Thanh would be found and sent away to be tortured. Their rickety house was on stilts because at high tide the waters of the South China Sea would rush in under their feet.

Thousands of people were leaving the country, but escaping by boat was dangerous. There was no guarantee that they would be rescued by the huge U.S. ships off the coast, and the Philippines are 800 miles away. Hundreds of people died at sea, including one of Thanh's cousins.

Even though he knew there was only a small possibility his family would be rescued, Thanh believed they had to try. His thinking at the time, he said, was that he'd rather die at sea than be sent to a concentration camp.

So Thanh, his wife, and three small children, his cousin, Canh



Courtesy of Doan Ha

Van Ha huddles on Aug. 5, 1979, with her children, from left, Doan Ha, Phong Ha and Kim Tu, aboard the USS Wabash.

Do, friends; and family members piled into a stolen wooden boat and set off.

### Rescue at sea

The USS Wabash was commissioned Nov. 20, 1971, a hulking replenishment officer nearly 700 feet long and roughly 100 feet wide. Andy Anderson and Malcolm Slack, two of the ship's original crewmembers, described it as a kind of "floating Wal-Mart," taking oil and supplies to aircraft carriers and other ships during the Vietnam War and afterward.

In July 1979, the Navy told all of its 7th Fleet ships in the South China Sea to seek out refugees in the area and to do as much as possible to help them, according to an article in Stars and Stripes at the time. Navy ships picked up about 600 refugees at sea in 1978 and already had picked up 567 so far in 1979, the report said.

Aboard the Wabash, crewmembers outfitted a small room used as a lounge for first class petty officers as temporary quarters. They had no extra bedding, so they rolled bubble wrap on the floor, said then-Petty Officer 2nd Class Bud Biery, who worked in the boiler room.

On Aug. 5, 1979, Biery volunteered to help new refugees get showered and clothed, while Ray Coggins joined the whale boat sent to rescue the 28 people aboard the 30-foot wooden fishing boat.

The sea was rough that day. A storm had caused the waves to swell, and the boat carrying Thanh and his family was taking on water. The refugees had been at sea for three days and were running out of food. Though it is bad luck to speak of death on a ship, Thanh said, the group was past



JENNIFER HLAD/Stars and Stripes

Ray Coggins, Thanh Ha, Van Ha, Doan Ha, Canh Do, Kim Tu and Bud Biery gather on Sept. 27 in San Diego. Coggins and Biery served on the USS Wabash and on Aug. 5, 1979, helped rescue the Ha family. Do and several other Vietnamese refugees in a small fishing boat.

superstition. They believed they would be dead within two hours.

Then they saw the lifeboat and knew they would make it.

### Reconnecting

The Wabash performed four rescue operations, saving about 140 people. Biery said he remembers this group of 28 specifically — how, when the crew handed out small boxes of cereal and a piece of fruit to each of them, the children were excited, as though it was a huge treat.

The ship dropped the refugees in the Philippines the next day, and the crew never knew what happened to them.

Then, Doan and his wife went to see "Miss Saigon."

The picture in the slideshow, plus turning 40 this year, prompted him to start looking for other pictures of his family.

His sister, Kim Tu, who was 3 when the family was rescued, said they had a copy of a magazine with a black-and-white photo of them on the cover but she never knew about the other photos.

When she finally saw photos in the National Archives, she felt like she was looking at her daughter's

face. In one snapshot, she said, she's holding a box of Fruit Loops — her daughter's favorite cereal.

Doan also began searching online for some of the sailors whose names were printed on the photos.

The searches led him to a Florida surgeon, who suggested he join the ship's Facebook group.

After he posted a thank-you to the crewmembers for helping his family, Biery had an idea: Why not arrange a reunion?

### 'Like a movie'

On Sept. 28, as tourists splashed outside in the pool, Biery carefully lined up Wabash bumper stickers, a bolt and piece of metal from the ship, photos of the rescue and other memorabilia on a table in a hotel conference room.

Slack set up a laptop to show video footage he shot of the ship just before it was scrapped a few years ago. He is one of five men who were present at the ship's commissioning and decommissioning. Anderson said that as a plank owner, when he left the ship on July 2, 1974, the crew rang the bell and announced his name. "I stood on the pier and cried," he said.

Biery joined the crew two years

later. He said he was very moved by Doan's note on the ship's Facebook page, as he has often wondered what happened to the refugees.

Doan wanted to make sure they knew.

After the hugs and greetings — Thanh described it as "kind of like meeting old friends" — Doan showed a video he had produced, set to "Wind Beneath My Wings" and Mariah Carey's "Hero," detailing the lives the sailors had made possible.

Thanh and Van Ha had three children when they left Vietnam, and Van was pregnant with their fourth. After reaching the United States, they had two more and adopted a seventh. Thanh became an auto mechanic and Van a manicurist. Six of their children graduated from college, the seventh is in nursing school. They have four grandchildren.

Other people who had been on the boat have also been successful. Canh Do, a cousin of the Ha family, who left Vietnam with them, also attended the reunion — along with her daughter and son-in-law and her baby.

Helen Elstob, Canh Do's daughter, said she learned the details of the boat escape and rescue only recently, and it seems "like a movie."

"I knew my mom was a strong woman," she said, but she hadn't realized how strong.

Doan said he went back to Vietnam in 1998 and visited the neighborhood he would have grown up in. The whole area had been told to clear out to make room for resorts just a year after the family left, but it moved only a few blocks inland and is still jammed with plywood homes on stilts.

His father, using Doan as a translator, said there are still former members of the South Vietnamese Army being held in concentration camps.

"You provided an opportunity for three generations of Vietnamese," Doan said. "The opportunity we have today, you guys provided that."

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Kim Tu shows a photo of her family to former USS Wabash sailors, from left, Malcolm Slack, Ray Coggins and Bud Biery. Tu was 3 years old when she and other family and friends were rescued at sea by the Wabash. The family presented the men with framed photos of the family and a letter expressing their thanks.

## MILITARY

# Problems: VA employees still wary of whistleblower retaliation

FROM FRONT PAGE

Mitchell and Pedene recently received settlements from the VA after filing complaints with the Office of Special Counsel, saying senior Phoenix VA leaders retaliated against them for reporting problems. Many of the details of the settlements, including whether or not there was monetary compensation, are confidential, but Pedene got a new job in VA communications and Mitchell was given a position in quality care management.

Even as the scandal unfolded, and the Phoenix VA system came under harsh scrutiny, the hospital did not use Pedene, their 20-year veteran spokeswoman. Instead, she worked in the basement library while they flew in public affairs specialists from around the country to deal with the crisis.

The continuing problems go beyond Phoenix, according to Dr. James Martin, a VA doctor and national representative of the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest federal labor union.

"The leadership that is in place at the local facilities is the same leadership that was there before the embarrassing factors were known," he said. "There's still a climate of denial."

Martin, who recently met with McDonald, applauded the new secretary's efforts but said much more needs to be done.

"Hopefully, we are going to be able to make things better, but we're not there yet," he said.

In an emailed response to questions from Stars and Stripes, McDonald said he has made it clear that whistleblower retaliation will not be tolerated, pointing to the recent settlements with Mitchell, Pedene and a third Phoenix whistleblower as steps toward better protection for VA employees. "We speak out. He also said the VA will hold bad leaders accountable."

"Secretary Shinseki began the process of removing senior leaders at the Phoenix VA Medical Center. I agree with that decision," McDonald said. "We continue to be investigations in Phoenix, and once those are complete, we will be able to hold employees who have violated our values accountable and we will do so to the letter of the law. But from my travels to more than 30 VA sites over the last 60 days, I see that the overwhelming majority of them are doing their best every day to serve Veterans. I saw that in Phoenix and I've seen that across the country."

Messages left with Helman's attorney and at Deering's office were not returned. A woman who answered the phone in Deering's office said, "Well, we get a lot of criticism, so we're kind of numb to it."

A spokesman for the Phoenix VA said he had to run media requests through the VA's national communication office.

The scandal broke in May, with revelations that the Phoenix VA had created a secret list in order to make patient wait times seem shorter, numbers that were tied to some officials' bonuses. Patients were languishing for months and,

according to a VA inspector general's report, 293 died while awaiting care. Helman, Deering and other leaders have also been accused of creating a hostile workplace environment in which employees were punished for speaking out.

For Pedene, that retaliation came in the form of losing the job she loved and had served in for nearly two decades. After she spoke out about financial improprieties, she was transferred to a clerical job, yet continued to collect the salary of a senior government employee.

"It hurts my heart to talk about it," Pedene said.

Mitchell was reassigned from her job as emergency room director after she reported serious problems at the ER, including improper triage protocol. She said many employees are still afraid to speak out or even be associated with those who have because the leadership has not changed.

"There were some employees that requested that I not send them emails and not speak with them in the hallway because they worried management might think I was getting information from them," she said. "They didn't trust their manager not to retaliate against them."

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**Dr. Katherine Mitchell**  
Veterans Affairs  
whistleblower

One of the most vocal critics has been Samuel P. Fouts, a long-time Phoenix VA physician with glasses and long gray sideburns who has become the face of the VA whistleblower movement. In an interview with Stars and Stripes, Fouts, who testified on Capitol Hill about the scandal, said that in addition to firing bad leaders and turning around the hostile work environment, the VA needs to rethink its core mission.

He and others said doctors are still being crushed by patient loads, a problem that has worsened since the scandal broke. Today, more veterans are being brought in for care in a timely manner, and the VA is struggling to hire doctors to address a longstanding shortfall.

It's a problem that Fouts, who recently retired from the VA, said



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

**Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald speaks during a news conference after a visit to the James A. Haley Medical Center in Tampa, Fla., on Wednesday**

will require more than just hiring health care professionals.

"I think [VA] should take care of anybody who has a service-connected condition, anyone who served in combat, and it should still be there for the homeless, the mentally ill, the poorest of our veterans," he said. "But it's going to need to relook at its resources and decide what its core mission is going to be, and if it decides it wants to take care of everybody for everything, it's going to have to have help from the private sector."

Mitchell, who also testified in front of a congressional committee, about problems with the VA medical system, said wait times have improved at Phoenix since the hospital was forced to get rid of its secret wait list, but that little else has changed. Last month, she submitted a 55-page document to the House Veterans Affairs Committee that outlined problems and suggested solutions. So far, she said, none has been implemented.

"Right now, I'm not seeing action on anything I did (at the hearing)," she said. "Unless they address those issues, there's going to be significant problems for veterans coming in."

Both Mitchell and Fouts say they are skeptical of the ongoing investigation into the scandal, which is being overseen by the VA.

"I'm a little wary of them simply because the VA is investigating itself, and that hasn't gone well in the past," Mitchell said.

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# Ruling gives GI 2nd chance at full medical retirement

Judge says Army violated separation regulations when it discharged soldier

By JENNIFER HLAJ  
Stars and Stripes

A soldier who served nearly 30 years in the Army National Guard but was discharged after being misdiagnosed with adjustment disorder now has a second chance at a medical retirement.

Chief Judge Janet Hall, of the U.S. District Court in Connecticut ruled Tuesday that the Army had violated its separation regulations when it discharged William Cowles, and that his diagnosis of adjustment disorder was a medical error.

Hall also nullified the decision of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records and sent Cowles' case back to the panel for reconsideration.

Cowles receives disability pay from the Department of Veterans Affairs but gets only about 50 percent of the GI Bill benefits he would receive if he was medically retired. He does not receive a retirement pension or other benefits associated with retirement.

He filed the suit in November in an effort to get his records changed, recoup about \$20,000 in retirement pay, receive a retirement pension in the future and receive other "tangible and intangible" benefits allowed to veterans who are medically retired from the service.

Phoebe Clark, one of the Yale law student interns who represented Cowles through the Yale Law School Veterans Legal Services Clinic, said she is "very optimistic that things will change this time around."

Ashley Anderson, a law student intern who will represent Cowles going forward, said she believes the ruling is great news for Cowles and other veterans who may have been similarly misdiagnosed and are seeking amendments to their military records.

Cowles enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1974 as a combat engineer and deployed to Kuwait in 2003. Shortly after he arrived, three soldiers from the Guard

**William Cowles, who suffered a breakdown in Kuwait in 2003 and was misdiagnosed with an adjustment disorder, does not receive a retirement pension or other benefits associated with retirement.**

unit serving next to him were killed in an ambush, and Cowles saw their bodies when they were returned to base, according to the lawsuit.

He later witnessed a soldier beat a Pakistani truck driver to death with a rifle butt and was told not to speak of it, according to the lawsuit.

Cowles suffered a breakdown and was evacuated from Kuwait, according to the lawsuit. After receiving treatment at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and group therapy in New York, Cowles was diagnosed with adjustment disorder and released from active duty with an honorable discharge on the basis of "other designated physical or mental condition."

Two months later, Department of Veterans Affairs staff evaluated Cowles and diagnosed him with service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder, rating him 30 percent disabled on March 2, 2004. His disability rating was later increased to 50 percent, 70 percent and then 100 percent.

In 2012, Cowles applied to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records, asking the board to change his files so he could receive benefits he would have received if he had been medically retired with a combat-related PTSD diagnosis instead of discharged with an adjustment disorder diagnosis. That application was denied.

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# US airman killed in Japan typhoon

*The Associated Press*

Barring a last-minute swerve in its path, Typhoon Phanfone was

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ments," Hicks said.

The rules, which apply to the entire Rheinland-Pfalz garrison, allow soldiers to be in uniform off base for some nonessential or convenience-related stops, but warn personnel to "remain vigilant of their surroundings at all times and make sound judgments regarding the time and location of uniform wear."

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# PACIFIC

# Pacific Pathways presents ‘many obstacles’

## Complex concept requires flow of materiel to multiple exercises, stops

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

To view more photos of the logistical challenges, go to: [stripes.com/go/pathways](http://stripes.com/go/pathways)

BANYUWANGI, Indonesia—A lot of planning went into the finale for the Garuda Shield exercise, a thunderous, live-fire practice assault with ground vehicles, helicopters and troops from America and Indonesia.

There's another element of the exercise that required even greater orchestration: the logistics of getting personnel, equipment, munitions and supplies to a single bilateral exercise in the Pacific.

Garuda Shield is just one of three legs in the Army's inaugural Pacific Pathways concept, which included an exercise in Malaysia in September and will end with Orieint Shield in Japan this month.

The intent of Pacific Pathways is to transition select Army Pacific units into temporary expeditionary forces moving from one planned exercise to another—and responding to any crisis or disaster in the region if needed.

"There's many obstacles when you start talking Pathways," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Griffith, the logistician with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii who planned the flow of materiel to Pacific Pathways, particularly Indonesia.

"The whole new Army alignment is mobility for different locations—all at the same time. So when we plan a strategic move like Pathways, we have to not only plan for the first stop, the first exercise, but we had to plan for multiple exercises and multiple stops before we come back to home station.

"It's difficult to assess it sitting in an office in your home station and trying to plan out everything for all the locations."

After arriving in Indonesia in August, Griffith almost immediately began planning the move to the country. With the bevy of contracts and clearances needed, it takes more than a month to complete such planning.

It's particularly challenging for the U.S. military to coordinate with so-called "partner" nations because there are no treaties or status-of-forces agreements—such as are in place with Japan and South Korea, for example—that firmly establish procedures for bilateral exercises.

Previous iterations of Garuda Shield have been modest in comparison with this year's version,

which added to the complexity of the Pathways move.

"Actually, this is the first time a division element has gone in and really tried to conduct logistics in-country," said Maj. Jay S. Schroder, the 25th ID Army forces logistics representative. "Before, it's been a platoon or company that goes into a country and takes with them what they need for that amount of time and contracts out the rest."

For Griffith, who hadn't been a member of the site-survey team sent to Indonesia to assess infrastructure, the first eye-opening experience came at Banyuwangi, a town on the east end of Java island that's closest to the marine camp that hosted Garuda Shield.

"The first time I stepped foot on the port at Banyuwangi, I was really surprised. There's a sunken ship about 100 meters to the left of the pier, which is not very appealing. The bow is sticking out at about a 45-degree angle out of the water."

The port is largely undeveloped, with dirt and gravel surfaces. After lengthy discussions with local officials, the U.S. was allowed to reconfigure certain parts of the port for maneuverability and safety reasons.

This rural and remote region of Indonesia wasn't prepared to handle some of the massive vehicles brought by the Army.

"Our vehicles are unique," Griffith said. "Indonesia is not used to a 53,000-pound wrecker or a 38,000-pound Stryker being hauled around their roads."

The main road through this region is a two-lane highway that's barely wide enough for two cars and is cluttered with slow-moving trucks and motorbikes.

"This country is designed compact," he said. "Everything here is small. Road widths are small; en-



Courtesy of Gavin Marchant

A helicopter is lifted out of a cargo ship in August at Banyuwangi Port, Indonesia, for delivery to the Garuda Shield exercise. The sling holding the helicopter was a new design for Pacific Pathways.



A Humvee is loaded onto a flatbed truck for delivery to the Indonesian port after completion of Garuda Shield.

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Stars and Stripes

trances and exits everywhere are small."

Asked if there was any point where he had to concede the impossible, Griffith said, "I don't believe in saying that I can't do something." But he admitted there comes a point where you have to stop and re-evaluate your approach.

Foreexample, the "low-boy" trailers upon which the large wrecker and fuel trucks were loaded were

so bulky that they couldn't drive into the gate at Pualatpur Marine Base. Since the U.S. is not allowed to drive the vehicles outside the base, it seemed it would not be "operationally feasible" to bring the wrecker and the strikers onto the base.

"So the only alternative was to stop (the truck) in the middle of the road and get a crane out in the middle of traffic and offload it there," Griffith said. "It wasn't the

best plan, but the only one I could think of, and it's what we did."

Then there were the challenges of weaving together logistics for three exercises in three countries.

After loading up at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington and then in Hawaii, the ship first stopped in Indonesia to unload. It then sailed to Malaysia, where it unloaded everything that was left.

"Now when Malaysia does its load up, they load up everything that does not go to Japan on the bottom of the vessel as best they can," Griffith said. "When the boat comes up here to Indonesia, I'll load the vessel with everything that goes to Japan last."

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## PACIFIC

# Hope for those separated by Korean War

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SEOUL, South Korea — Hong Nam-sun, 84, cries each time she watches broadcasts of North and South Korean relatives, inevitably filled with weeping and lingering hugs, reuniting decades after they were separated by war.

"When will I get my turn?" Hong asked recently from her comfortable Seoul high-rise apartment, which is decorated with photos of her five sons and a plethora of grandchildren. But nearly 65 years after her younger sister disappeared in the early days of the Korean War, Hong has new hope — however dim — that she will find her.

Last month, Hong joined 1,200 elderly South Koreans taking part in a new program that collects their genetic data with the goal of someday linking them — or, more likely, their descendants — with their long-lost family members in the North. While the testing is unlikely to connect separated family members anytime soon, officials say establishing the genetic database before it's too late could play an important role in paving the way for a smoother reunification of the two Koreas — something many, if not most, South Koreans believe is an inevitability.

"Many of the separated family members are very, very old, and many of them are passing away," a spokeswoman for South Korea's Unification Ministry said.

All those participating are doing so voluntarily, and their genetic data will be saved in a database that will be used only to confirm family relationships, the ministry said. Officials say it could be expanded in coming years to include others who want to participate if there is enough demand.

Preparing for eventual unification with the North is official government policy in South Korea.

The government, which is paying for the testing, decided to push forward with collecting DNA information because of the North's refusal to hold additional family reunions, the spokeswoman said.

"We decided we need to do something on our own," she said. "This is the thing we can do to help the separated families."

A law passed by the National Assembly last year made it possible to collect DNA information without infringing on individual privacy rights, she said.

Even though North Korea isn't collecting similar genetic data, the blood, hair and saliva samples now being gathered in the South could eventually be used to establish DNA ties with even distant relatives in the North, according to an official with the Korean Red Cross' Inter-Korean Cooperation Team.

Establishing those blood ties, which are of paramount importance in Korea's traditional Confucian society, could also help iron out potential legal disputes if the two Koreas ever reunite, such as determining whether a descendant from North Korea might have a legitimate claim to the property of a South Korean relative, the Red Cross official said.

According to the Unification Ministry, nearly 130,000 people have applied to take part in the family reunions, though only 3,324 families have met since 2000.

More than 60,000 have died while waiting for the chance to see their North Korean relatives, and time is running out for the remaining applicants, more than 10 percent of whom are at least 90 years old. Another 41.3 percent are in their 80s, and 29.1 percent are in their 70s.

Priority for DNA testing, which costs about \$400 per person, is being given to the oldest applicants, according to the ministry. A Red Cross official said the goal is to eventually test all family members who want their genetic data kept on record.



**'I have hope as long as I'm alive.'**  
Hong Nam-sun  
sister of Hong Nam-sun, who disappeared in 1950

## Gone without a trace

Hong was a music teacher the southern city of Mokpo when her younger sister, Nam-sun, a pretty and vivacious nursing student in Seoul, disappeared in 1950, soon after North Korean troops invaded the capital. Her family didn't realize Nam-sun was missing until they tried to contact her through her university; her dormitory director told them she had disappeared without a trace.

Hong believes her sister may have been betrayed by a North Korean sympathizer at

the university and that troops from Pyongyang kidnapped her because her medical skills would be valuable to the war effort.

More than six decades after her sister vanished, Hong has no idea where she might be — or if she is even alive.

"I have hope as long as I am alive," said Hong, who said she can't even guess what her sister's life might have been like, but believes her "strong character" has helped her survive.

Hong's family has made futile attempts over the years to find Nam-sun. Hong has registered for family reunions with North Korea, which are held sporadically when relations between the two Koreas are relatively amicable, but she has been told that she can't participate until she is selected at random by a computer program.

Her son, Choung Pih-lood, even went to the Chinese border about 10 years ago and broadcast a radio message into North Korea, searching for news about his aunt. He learned nothing.

"My mother has been disappointed so many times," said Choung who, as the eldest of her sons, believes it is his duty to fulfill his mother's wish to find his aunt. Even learning that his aunt has died would give him his mother closure.

"Her death would be news, but [there is] nothing," he said. "It hurts her heart."

Choung said the chances of learning about his aunt's fate are [mediocre] given the political tensions between the two Koreas. He worries that his mother, whose health is declining and who expects to hear news about her sister soon, will be crushed if there are no immediate results from the genetic testing.

"It is a hopeless hope; that is the problem," he said. "But it is better than nothing."

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## Logistics: Planners must be mindful of possible diversion to disaster relief mission

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Griffith described the ship as "essentially a floating motor pool that we can pick and choose from."

One major lesson learned about the kind of cargo ship to use was that lo-lo is a no-no. According to Schroder, "We chose lo-lo

— being load-on, load-off, which means you need a crane to pick it up on and off the vessel," he said.

What would have worked better is roll-on, roll-off, or ro-ro, as the logistics crowd calls it, by which vehicles can be driven or trucked off and on.

"Since the basic premise of

Pathways is having a contingency response capability, that ro-ro is a critical piece to it," Schroder said.

If the Pathways force is called to a humanitarian assistance or disaster relief mission — which is potentially part of the expeditionary mix — the host country's

port might not have the capability of hoisting off cargo as quickly as required, he said.

Early Thursday morning, as the flatbed trucks pulled beside the fleet of Humvees, Strykers and containers at the marine base for the trip back to the port, the moving plan had already hit a few

snags, with missing and late-moving equipment by contractors.

Schroder yelled across the field to Griffith: "Are you on Plan B yet?"

"Plan D-2," Griffith responded, then scurried off to the next challenge.

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## Southwest Nevada hit by small earthquake

LAS VEGAS — The U.S. Geological Survey says a quake shook southwest Nevada, about 15 miles from Las Vegas. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The USGS reported on its website that the quake happened at 3:11 a.m. Sunday and had a preliminary magnitude of 3.6. It was centered 9 miles from Enterprise, Nevada, about 15 miles southwest of Las Vegas.

USGS geophysicist Randy Baldwin described the quake as having "moderate intensity."

Tim Szymanski, of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, said the quake was felt in downtown Las Vegas, but no calls were received by the 911 center.

## Team members among 10 dead in 2 crashes

IRVINE, Calif. — The 10 people killed in two deadly crashes just hours apart in Southern California included three members of the same teen soccer team and four recent graduates of the same high school.

Nearly all of the victims in the fiery crashes that killed five people each were teenagers, authorities said Saturday.

In one, a 16-year-old unlicensed driver was the lone survivor of the crash of a BMW sedan at 2:15 a.m. Saturday. Authorities said the car was carrying six teens returning from the Knott's Berry Farm amusement park in Buena Park.

Five more people were killed about five hours earlier on Friday night, when three vehicles collided on an isolated two-lane road on the edge of Chino, a city east of Los Angeles in San Bernardino County.

## 2 reported killed as helo crashes in river

LOMA, Colo. — Authorities said two people died when a helicopter crashed into a river in western Colorado.

Mesa County chief deputy coroner Victor Yahn said the two died in Saturday's crash, but he didn't have any other information.

Local media reports said the chopper crashed shortly after 6 p.m. MDT into the Colorado River near Loma.

The Daily Sentinel in Grand Junction and Denver's KUSA-TV reported that authorities said at least two people were aboard.

## Obamas dine out for their 22nd anniversary

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama observed their 22nd wedding anniversary a day late with a celebratory dinner Saturday night in the city's Georgetown neighborhood.

For their anniversary dinner they picked Bourbon Steak at the Four Seasons Hotel, about a six-minute drive from the White House.

Shortly after Obama arrived at the restaurant, more than 100 protesters calling for justice for Michael Brown, the shooting victim in Ferguson, Mo., marched down M Street.

From The Associated Press

## Court poised for same-sex ruling

By MARK SHERMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Supreme Court term that is starting with a lack of headline-grabbing cases may end with a blockbuster that helps define the legacy of the court under Chief Justice John Roberts.

While same-sex marriage is not yet on their agenda, the justices appear likely to take on the issue and decide once and for all whether gay and lesbian couples have a constitutional right to marry.

When the justices formally open their new term Monday, Roberts will be beginning his 10th year at the head of the court, and the fifth with the same lineup of justices. He has been part of a five-justice conservative majority that has rolled back campaign finance limits, upheld abortion restrictions and generally been skeptical of the consideration of race in public life.

But his court has taken a different path in cases involving gay and lesbian Americans, despite his opposition most of the time.

The court's record on gay rights is comparable to its embrace of civil rights for blacks in the 1950s and 1960s under Chief Justice Earl Warren, said University of Chicago law professor David Strauss. "The court that we go down in history as that was on the frontiers of establishing rights for gays and lesbians," Strauss said.

The justices passed up their first opportunity last week to add gay marriage cases to their calendar. But they will have several more chances in the coming weeks to accept appeals from officials in Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin who are trying to preserve their state bans on same-sex marriage.

Those prohibitions fell one after the other following the high court's June 2013 decision that

struck down part of a federal law that defined marriage as between a man and a woman.

On the court's plate in the new term are cases involving:

■ Religious, employment and housing discrimination.

■ The drawing of political districts in Alabama and Arizona.

■ A dispute between Congress and the president over passports that is heavy with Middle East politics.

■ A faulty traffic stop over a car's broken brake light in North Carolina.

■ The use of a law to prevent document shredding against a fisherman accused of throwing undersized red grouper overboard.

■ The prosecution of a self-styled rapper whose Facebook postings threatened his estranged wife, an FBI agent and area schools.

Monday's argument involves

the North Carolina traffic stop that led to the discovery of cocaine in Nicholas Heien's Ford Escort. A police officer pulled over the car when he saw the right brake light wasn't working, although the left one was. Typically, evidence found in a car pulled over for a valid reason can be used against a defendant. But North Carolina's quirky traffic laws mandate that only one brake light on a car be working.

The case tests whether the officer's mistaken understanding of the law makes the traffic stop unreasonable and the ensuing search a violation of Heien's constitutional rights. Among Heien's arguments is that citizens can't plead ignorance of the law when they are charged with a crime, so there shouldn't be a double standard for the police. A divided state Supreme Court said the mistake was reasonable enough to justify the routine traffic stop.

## NY Indian-American eyed for attorney general

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara is not doing much to encourage speculation that he's one of the few people being considered to be the next U.S. attorney general. Yet he's not exactly discouraging it either.

He's considered to be among fewer than 10 top candidates for the job being vacated by Attorney General Eric Holder. If Bharara

gets the job it would make him the first Indian-American ever to serve on the Cabinet of any U.S. president.

Bharara's profile has grown steadily in his five years as head of one of the nation's most high-profile federal prosecutor's offices. He made the cover of Time magazine for his aggressive pursuit of Wall Street fraudsters. He's overseen the biggest civilian terrorism cases. And he stood up to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo

over his dismantling of an anti-corruption commission.

At recent public appearances, he made light of the speculation, saying that his mother was trying to drum up interest on his behalf. "So here's the problem: When you have a very proud Indian mother and a vacancy seems to be coming open, she will call all the newspapers and say please put me on the list," he said. "So I've told my mom to stop calling."

Still, Bharara sounded inter-

ested in the job, signaling that if he was in charge, the Justice Department would keep its current course.

"The focus on national security, the focus on cybercrime, the focus on civil rights — I think all those things are incredibly important," he said.

Having already cleared confirmation hearings for his current job, Bharara, 45, is thought to be looked on favorably from both parties in Congress.

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Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, speaks Friday at the White House as Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell, right, and U.S. Africa Command commander Gen. David M. Rodriguez look on.

# US well-equipped to stop Ebola, health officials say

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is seeking to allay fear about the single confirmed case of Ebola in the United States, saying that despite some initial missteps, the health care system is doing what needs to be done to prevent an outbreak.

"Our health care infrastructure in the United States is well-equipped to stop Ebola in its tracks," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, infectious diseases chief at the National Institutes of Health.

An unusual, high-level briefing at the White House on Friday reflected the administration's urgency in seeking to reassure the public. Fauci was one of five senior administration officials who spoke with reporters, including Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell and Lisa Monaco, President Barack Obama's top homeland security adviser.

Monaco said the U.S. was not considering a travel ban to prevent people from the hardest-hit West African countries from coming to the U.S. and said efforts instead were focused on identifying high-risk individuals before they leave the outbreak zone. Dozens and dozens of people have been stopped from getting onto flights in the region, she said.

"The most effective way to go about controlling this is to prevent those individuals from getting on a plane in the first place," she said.

The first person diagnosed with Ebola in the nation went to a Dallas hospital last month but was mistakenly sent home, despite revealing he was visiting from Liberia, before returning by air-

balance days later. Texas officials now are monitoring 50 people, 10 of whom they consider at high risk, who came into contact with the man. They've had to quarantine four of them, and even had problems getting rid of the infectious waste left in the apartment where the patient stayed.

"There were things that did not go the way they should have in Dallas," acknowledged Fauci, director of NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "But there were a lot of things that went right and are going right."

Health officials have said it's possible that someone who had close contact with that first patient after he became ill — the only time that Ebola is contagious — might also get sick. But they say further spread is unlikely because of the public health steps now underway.

The White House said Obama planned to meet with his national security advisers on Monday to discuss the Ebola outbreak and the administration's response.

The administration has long contended that the best way to contain Ebola is to attack it at its source. The Pentagon's spokesman said Friday that up to 4,000 troops could be deployed to West Africa, a number that has been slowly climbing as military leaders arrive and assess the need.

Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby said the military has begun medical testing for Ebola at two new labs in Liberia. Also, servicemembers are starting to build two treatment centers there for victims of the deadly disease, and a hospital for infected medical personnel is expected to be finished by the end of the month.

Kirby said the servicemembers are not going to treat patients and

are not expected to come in contact with anyone who is infected. But he said the military is training the troops about how to avoid getting Ebola, and also setting plans in place to deal with any servicemember who might get infected.

## Flag from 9/11 lost in Flight 93 Memorial fire

The Associated Press

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. — A flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol on Sept. 11, 2001, was consumed in a fire at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania, the National Park Service said Saturday.

Friday's fire in Shanksville destroyed the park's headquarters complex. State police and the park service are conducting a joint investigation into the blaze, the cause of which hasn't been determined, the park service said.

Park staff completed an initial inventory Saturday and said that, in addition to the flag, the losses included a handful of personal items of passengers and crew, DVD copies of the annual commemoration ceremony and meetings of the Flight 93 National Memorial Federal Advisory Com-

mission, and about 100 tribute items left by visitors since 2001.

Park staff saved hundreds of oral histories and a photo collection. The buildings comprised the park's headquarters, with conference facilities, storage space and the superintendent's office. The under-construction memorial and visitors center are about 2 miles away and were unaffected by the fire.

The memorial in Shanksville marks the spot where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The plane, which was traveling from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, went down in a reclaimed strip mine after passengers fought back against its hijackers. All 33 passengers and seven crewmembers were killed along with the hijackers.

## Heat smothering Calif. from north to south

LOS ANGELES — A statewide heat wave was expected to east somewhat Sunday, but forecasters predicted that many places in California will still bake in higher than normal temperatures.

The Sacramento and Los Angeles areas were expected to see temperatures in the mid-90s again while the forecast for inland Southern California was again in triple digits, the National Weather Service said.

More significant drops in tem-

perature were expected during the week.

The usually temperate San Francisco Bay Area was even in the upper 90s in several places Saturday.

Normally closed for the season by the Ragging Waters theme park in San Dimas, where it reached 102 degrees Saturday, was open to provide relief and recreation for another weekend.

The heat brought a red-flag warning of critical wildfire conditions, the National Weather Service said.

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A Palestinian worker checks a list of registered Muslim pilgrims waiting at the Erez border crossing between Israel and Gaza on Sunday. Israel allowed 550 Palestinians to cross into Israel to pray at the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

## Israel permits 500 Gazans to pray at Jerusalem mosque

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip prayed Sunday at Jerusalem's most important mosque, the first time Israel has allowed such visits from the coastal enclave since the Hamas militant group overran the area in 2007.

The visit was among a package of concessions that Israel has made in the wake of a 50-day war against Hamas to coincide with the current Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha. Israel said it granted some 1,500 permits to Palestinians in Gaza wanting to pray at the Al-Aqsa Mosque during the three-day holiday, which began Saturday. Some 500 worshippers were expected in Jerusalem on Sunday, with the remainder set to arrive over the next two days.

Israel has restricted travel out

of the Gaza Strip since Hamas took over the territory in 2007. It has granted permits for humanitarian reasons and to Christians wanting to travel to Bethlehem for holidays, but permits specifically meant to allow Muslims to visit the mosque have not been issued previously, according to Gisha, an Israeli group that advocates freedom of movement for Gazans.

The holiday permits were granted to people 60 years old and up, the military said. Gazans boarded buses early Sunday, crossed into Israel and headed toward Jerusalem's Old City.

The permits were issued weeks after Israel and Hamas ended the war. More than 2,100 Palestinians were killed, a majority civilians, according to the United Nations. Israel lost 66 soldiers and six civilians.

## Mass grave found near town hit by Mexican gang violence

The Associated Press

IGUALA, Mexico — A clandestine grave site with multiple burial pits was found outside this city where violence late last month resulted in six deaths and the disappearance of 43 students after protesters clashed with police, Mexican officials said Saturday.

Guerrero State Prosecutor Inaky Blanco said the grave site was on the outskirts of Iguala, a town about 120 miles south of Mexico City. He did not say how many bodies were in the graves and declined to speculate on whether the remains could be the missing students.

Guerrero state Gov. Angel Aguirre said the victims had been "savagely slaughtered."

About 100 soldiers, marines and federal state police cordoned off the area and kept journalists

away from the burial pits, which were found on a hillside in Iguala's poor Pueblo Viejo district.

Blanco said eight more people had been arrested, adding to the 22 that Iguala city police officers detained after a confrontation with student protesters late Sept. 27 set off a series of violent incidents in which six people were shot to death and the 43 young people were reported missing. The prosecutor has said state investigators had obtained videos showing that local police arrested an undetermined number of students after the clash and took them away.

Blanco said some of the eight newly arrested people were members of an organized crime gang, adding that some of them had given key clues leading to the discovery of the mass grave.

# Hong Kong seeks to clear streets of protesters

By SYLVIA HUI  
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The Associated Press

HONG KONG — In an apparent concession to authorities warning pro-democracy protesters to clear Hong Kong's streets by the beginning of the work week, students occupying the area outside city government headquarters agreed Sunday to remove some barricades that have blocked the building's entrance during the weeklong demonstrations.

It was not immediately clear how significant the move was and how much it would defuse the standoff, with many protesters vowing to stay in the area. The partial withdrawal also appeared to be part of a strategy to regroup in another part of town.

Television footage from the scene showed a protest representative shaking hands with a police officer and the two sides removing some barricades together. About 300 demonstrators remained standing peacefully outside the government's main building, and did not appear to have intentions to move.

Across the harbor in Hong Kong's Mong Kok district, protesters appeared divided about whether to stay put or decamp to the city's Admiralty area, the main protest site. The atmosphere in Mong Kok was relatively relaxed as people began to clear out, though many said they were headed home and not to another protest area.

"I don't know what the next step is, but I will not retreat," said Burnett Tung, 18, a student who has served as a volunteer at

a food supply station outside government headquarters all week. "The people you see here will not retreat."

"The leaders of the movement are the citizens," said Ray Wong, 21, referring to some protest leaders who called for a retreat from Mong Kok. "We're leading the movement, not them."

Tens of thousands of people, many of them students, have poured into the streets of the semi-autonomous city over the past week to peacefully protest China's restrictions on the first-ever direct election for Hong Kong's top leader, promised by Beijing for 2017. With the standoff in its eighth day, tempers were flaring and patience was waning among residents who oppose the occupation of the streets and the disruption it has brought.

Police using pepper spray clashed with protesters overnight after officials said they intended to have key streets open for schools and offices by Monday morning. Large crowds of demonstrators scuffled with police in the blue-collar Mong Kok district, a flash point that has seen violent clashes between pro-democracy student protesters and their antagonists throughout the weekend.

Police said they had to disperse the crowds with force because protesters had provoked officers with verbal abuse, while the students accused police of failing to protect them from attacks by mobs intent on driving them away. The students say police allied themselves with criminal gangs to clear them, but the government has vehemently denied the accusation.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Militant group shells Syrian Kurdish town

By RYAN LUCAS  
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Islamic State militants on Sunday shelled a beleaguered Syrian Kurdish town near the border with Turkey, sending smoke billowing into the sky as Kurdish militiamen scrambled to repel the extremists' offensive, activists said.

The Islamic State has pushed to the outskirts of the town of Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, as it presses its weeks-long offensive against the town and its surrounding villages.

The assault has forced some 160,000 people to flee across the frontier in one of the biggest single exoduses of Syria's civil war. The Islamic State has continued to advance despite airstrikes against its fighters by the U.S. and its Arab allies.

Overnight, coalition strikes targeted militant positions around Kobani, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an activist group.

The U.S. military said fighter aircraft conducted two strikes northwest of the city of Raqqa, hitting a large Islamic State unit and destroying six militant firing positions. The statement did

not specify the location, but Kobani is northwest of Raqqa.

The Observatory said the airstrikes, combined with heavy clashes on the ground overnight, left at least 16 militants dead. At least 11 Kurdish militiamen were also killed in the fighting.

On Sunday, the extremists, who have staked out positions to the east, west and south of Kobani, shelled the town with rockets, mortars and tank shells, the Observatory said. There was also heavy fighting for control of a strategic hill south of the town.

From the Turkish side of the border, the heavy thud of the shelling could be heard, along with the sharp crackle of small-arms fire, while pillars of smoke billowed from inside Kobani.

Some of the fighting has spilled over into Turkey, with artillery rounds falling on Turkish soil.

On Sunday, one shell fired from the Syrian side struck a house in the Turkish village of Buyuk Kendirci, wounding four people. A member of the family that owns the house, Dogan Polat, said a 5-year-old child was among the injured.

Governor Izzettin Kucuk said authorities were evacuating two villages close to the border.



Iraqi security forces patrol on Saturday after clashes with Islamic State militants near the town of Jbala, about 35 miles south of Baghdad.

AP

# Islamic State executes 6 Iraqi troops publicly

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militants from the Islamic State group on Sunday publicly killed six Iraqi soldiers captured in an embattled western province where the extremists continue to advance despite an expanding U.S.-led campaign of airstrikes, residents said.

The killings took place in the town of Hit, about 85 miles west of the capital, Baghdad, which the Islamic State fighters overran

Thursday night.

The Iraqi soldiers — one in uniform and five in civilian clothes — were lined up against a wall in Hit and shot in the head, the residents said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they feared for their own safety. The militants also bombed a police station in Hit, they said.

The fall of Hit was the latest victory by the Islamic State as it battles the Iraqi military in western Anbar province.

Since launching airstrikes in

August against the militants in Iraq, the U.S. has hit Islamic State's positions in Anbar multiple times.

On Sunday, U.S. Central Command said it conducted six airstrikes in Iraq the previous day, including one in Hit in which it destroyed two Islamic State Humvees. The U.S. military also conducted four airstrikes in the nearby city of Fallujah, and in northern Iraq it conducted one strike in the town of Sinjar, CENTCOM said.



LEFTERIS PITABAKIS/AP

A man looks inside a house Sunday that was hit by a shell in the Turkish town of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, during fighting between Syrian Kurds and Islamic State militants.

# US aid worker's family asks Islamic State to spare his life

By ADAM GOLDMAN  
The Washington Post

The parents of an American aid worker taken hostage by the Islamic State released a video Saturday pleading with their son's captors to show mercy and to free the young man.

Peter Kassig's family said he was in the region doing humanitarian work when he disappeared a year ago near the city of Raqqa in eastern Syria.

"We implore those who are holding you to show mercy and use your power to let you go," said Kassig's mother, Paula, holding a picture of their 26-year-old son.

The Islamic State revealed for the first time in a separate video Friday that it was

holding Kassig, a former U.S. Army Ranger who served in Iraq in 2007.

In the same video, a militant dubbed "Jihadi John," beheaded a British hostage named Alan Henning, a taxi driver from Manchester. The militant then threatened to kill Kassig, a Muslim convert, because of U.S. bombing of Islamic State targets in Syria.

Henning was the fourth Western hostage the Islamic State has executed, deaths portrayed in a series of gruesome videos that



Kassig

the group began distributing in August.

British Prime Minister David Cameron called Henning's death "absolutely abhorrent. It is senseless. It is completely unforgivable." He called the Islamic State "repulsive and 'barbaric.'"

In three earlier videos, the same militant appears to have decapitated American journalists Steven Sotloff and James Foley as well as British aid worker David Haines. The group is also holding British journalist John Cantlie and an American woman who traveled to Syria for humanitarian purposes.

Kassig's family, speaking from their home in Indianapolis, said the United States' decision to attack the Islamic State is beyond their control.

"We asked our government to change its actions, but like our son, we have no more control over the U.S. government than we have over the break of dawn," Ed Kassig said. "We implore his captors to show mercy and use their power to let our son go."

A former hostage, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Kassig had been abused by his captors like other Westerners held by the Islamic State.

Kassig is a native of Indiana who founded SERA, or Special Emergency Response and Assistance, an aid group helping Syrians fleeing the civil war in their country.

Beginning in 2012, Kassig delivered food and medical supplies and provided medical care to wounded civilians inside Syria, the family said.

## WAR ON TERRORISM

## UAE seeks 'clarification' of Biden comments

By AYA BATRAWY  
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The United Arab Emirates said Sunday it wants "a formal clarification" of Vice President Joe Biden's recent comments that America's allies in the Middle East sent weapons and cash to extremists fighting in Syria.

Biden already apologized to Turkey over his comments, made Thursday during a question-and-answer session at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Mass.

Biden said that "our biggest problem is our allies" who are engaged in a proxy Sunni-Shiite war against Syrian President Bashar Assad. He specifically named Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

"What did they do? They poured hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of tons of weapons into anyone who would fight against Assad — except that the people who were being supplied were (Jabhat) al-Nusra and al-Qaida and the extremist



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

**Vice President Joe Biden answers questions from students Thursday at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Mass.**

elements of jihadis coming from other parts of the world," he said.

The UAE's official news agency carried a statement from Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Anwar Gargash calling Biden's comments "far from the truth." The UAE Foreign Ministry said it was astonished by the remarks. The UAE is a key Arab partner

in the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group and has targeted its fighters in airstrikes in Syria. Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Jordan also have carried out

airstrikes against the group in Iraq and Syria, while Qatar has provided logistical support.

Gargash said the vice president "gave a negative and inaccurate impression" about the UAE's support in confronting the Islamic State group and terrorism. He said Biden's statement ignored the political and practical steps taken by the UAE, as well as its position against terrorism financing.

"The UAE's counterterrorism approach reflects a pioneering national commitment that recognizes the extent of the danger posed by terrorism to the region and to its people," Gargash said.

There has been no official comment from Saudi officials over Biden's comments. On Saturday, Biden called to apologize to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the White House said.

"The vice president apologized for any implication that Turkey or other allies and partners in the region had intentionally supplied or facilitated the growth of ISIL or other violent extremists in Syria," the White House said, using an acronym for the Islamic State group.



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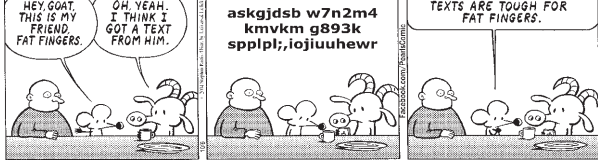
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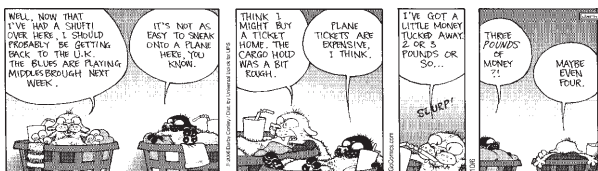
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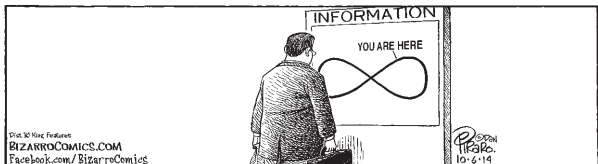
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- Rowing need
- Small
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- Paid player
- Fishing gear
- Book jacket write-up
- Standard
- Coffee vessel
- Within one's capability
- Sleepwear
- Relative by marriage
- Eye part
- Urban transport
- Relocate
- Of little weight
- Journeys
- "Star Wars" weapons
- Flower garland
- "Misbehavior"
- Guns n' Roses guitarist
- Barber's sweepings
- Before
- World's fair
- Former
- "A mouse!"
- Authentic
- Color worker
- "Catcher in the —"
- Pigpen

## DOWN

- Amorphous mass
- Count counter-part
- Stead
- Dandy
- Deserve
- Worry persistently
- "The Naked and the Dead" author
- Fiancee's last words
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- Day fractions (Abbr.)
- "Strange Interlude" actress
- Mooch
- Marseilles mon-arch
- Talk on and on
- Online journal
- Wash
- Rams' mates
- Tablet
- Soprano's solo
- Leprechauns' dances
- Explorer or Pathfinder
- Scale member
- One more than bi-
- "Indeed"
- Villain's look
- "South Park" co-creator Parker
- Chopping tools
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## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

# Fire and ice

## Why volcanoes are erupting all over the place

By ROBIN WYLIE

Special To The Washington Post

The Earth seems to have been smoking a lot recently. Volcanoes are erupting in Iceland, Hawaii, Indonesia, Ecuador and Mexico right now. Others, in the Philippines and Papua New Guinea, erupted recently but seem to have calmed down. Many of these have threatened homes and forced evacuations. But among their spectators, these eruptions raise a question: Is there such a thing as a season for volcanic eruptions?

While volcanoes may not have "seasons" as we know them, scientists have started to discern intriguing patterns in their activity.

### A shortened day

The four seasons are caused by the Earth's axis of rotation tilting toward and away from the sun. But our planet undergoes another, less well-known change, which affects it in a more subtle way, perhaps even volcanically.

Due to factors like the gravitational pull of the sun and moon, the speed at which the Earth rotates constantly changes. Accordingly, the length of a day actually varies from year to year. The difference is only in the order of milliseconds, but new research suggests that this seemingly small perturbation could bring about significant changes on our planet — or more accurately, within it.

A study published in the journal *Terra Nova* in February showed that since the early 19th century, changes in the Earth's rotation rate tended to be followed by increases in global volcanic activity. It found that between 1830 and 2013, the longest period for which a reliable record was available, relatively large changes in the rotation rate were im-

mediately followed by an increase in the number of large volcanic eruptions. More than the rotation changes merely being correlated, the authors believe the changes might actually have triggered these large eruptions.

Altering the spin of a planet, even by a small amount, requires a huge amount of energy. It has been estimated that changes in the Earth's rotation rate dissipate around 120,000 petajoules of energy each year — enough to power the United States for the same length of time. This energy is transferred into the Earth's atmosphere and subsurface, and it is this second consequence that the Terra Nova authors believe could affect volcanoes.

The vast quantities of energy delivered to the subsurface by rotation changes are likely to perturb its stress field. Since the magma that feeds volcanic eruptions resides in the Earth's crust, stress variations there may make it easier for the liquid rock to rise to the surface and, thereby, increase the rate of volcanic eruptions.

The Terra Nova study is far from conclusive. Nevertheless, the idea that minute changes to the Earth's spin could affect volcanic motions deep within the planet is intriguing.

### Climate change

In recent decades, it has become apparent that the consequences of planetary ice loss might not end with rising sea levels. Evidence has been building that in the past, periods of severe loss of glaciers

were followed by a significant spike in volcanic activity.

Around 19,000 years ago, glaciation was at a peak. Much of Europe and North America was under ice. Then the climate warmed, and the glaciers began to recede. The effect on the planet was generally quite favorable for humankind. But, since the mid-1970s, a number of studies have suggested that as the ice vanished, volcanic eruptions became much more frequent. A 2009 study, for example, concluded that between 12,000 and 7,000 years ago, the global level of volcanic activity rose by up to six times. Around the same period, the rate of volcanic activity in Iceland soared to at least 30 times today's level.

Bizarrely then, volcanic activity seems — at least sometimes — to rise and fall with ice levels. But why? Again, this strange effect might come down to stress.

### Ice melting

Ice sheets are heavy. Each year, Antarctica's loses around 40 billion metric tons of ice. The sheets are so heavy, in fact, that as they grow, they cause the Earth's crust to bend — like a plank of wood when placed under weight. The corollary of that is that when an ice sheet melts and its mass is removed, the crust springs back. That upward flexing can lead to a drop in stress in the underlying rocks, which, the theory goes, makes it easier for magma to reach the surface and feed volcanic eruptions.

While it may not be an immediate hazard, this strange effect is a reminder that our planet can respond to change in unforeseen ways. Contrary to their British reputation, volcanoes are helping scientists understand just how sensitive our planet can be.

While volcanoes may not have "seasons" as we know them, scientists have started to discern intriguing patterns in their activity.



Top: Rescue workers head to the summit of Japan's Mount Ontake on Sept. 28, one day after the volcano unexpectedly erupted. Middle: Rescuers near the summit on Sept. 29. Above: An injured person is carried to an ambulance in Kiso, Nagano prefecture.

PHOTOS BY YOMIURI SHIMBUN/AP

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Flight delayed when crabs escape container

**NY** NEW YORK — If passengers on a delayed flight from New York to Charlotte, N.C., got a bit crabby, no one could really say they were being too shellfish.

Their flight left LaGuardia Airport about a half-hour late Thursday evening because some live crabs got loose in the cargo hold.

US Airways spokeswoman Liz Landau said Friday it's unclear how the fairly small crustaceans escaped their container or what species they were. She said there were "more than a few" of them.

Workers swept the crabs out of the hold, and the flight went on its way.

## Officials mistake okra for marijuana plants

**GA** CARTERSVILLE — A Georgia man says drug suppression officers mistook his okra plants for marijuana.

Dwayne Perry, of Cartersville, told WSB-TV that he was awakened by a helicopter flying low over his house Wednesday and then some heavily-armed deputies and a K-9 unit showed up at his door. They were from the Governor's Task Force for drug suppression and they were out looking for marijuana plants.

What they had seen, apparently, were Perry's okra plants and a shrub at the end of his house.

Perry said the officers ended up apologizing to him.

Patrol Capt. Kermit Stokes said the plants did have characteristics similar to those of marijuana.

## Postal worker guilty of stealing gift cards

**LA** LAFAYETTE — A federal jury has found a Lafayette woman guilty of taking gift cards from the U.S. mail.

Jurors last week found Crystal Boutte, 41, guilty of two counts of theft of mail.

U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley's office says Boutte stole four Wal-Mart gift cards from the mail while working for the U.S. Postal Service in December 2012. One gift card was worth \$200; the other three were worth \$25 each. The theft was discovered after the recipients reported the cards missing.

Boutte faces five years in prison, restitution and a \$250,000 fine for each count.

## Mail carrier accused of hitting man with vehicle

**WA** BELLEVUE — Police said a female postal worker accused of striking a pedestrian three times with her marked postal service vehicle while "laughing hysterically" has been arrested for investigation of assault.

Officer Seth Tyler said police responding to an assault report Friday in front of Phantom Lake Elementary School learned that the man who was hit had been trying to photograph the postal vehicle. Tyler said the victim reported that he grew concerned

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The number of turtles discovered in the latest bust involving a smuggling ring the Detroit area. The turtles are being cared for at the Detroit Zoo, which reported that some of the reptiles were found stuffed into rubber snow boots and cereal boxes inside a Canadian man's luggage at Detroit Metropolitan Airport last week.



JAY JANNER, AUSTIN (TEXAS) AMERICAN-STATESMAN/AP

## Picture-perfect romance

Christine Choi kisses her fiancé, Kyle Ruiz, at the Austin City Limits Music Festival in Zilker Park on Friday in Austin, Texas.

after observing the postal worker yelling obscenities at another person and decided to take a photo of the vehicle in order to make a complaint to the U.S. Postal Service.

Tyler said the victim was not injured although his leg was hit by the vehicle.

The spokesman said a 55-year-old Newcastle woman was arrested for investigation of fourth-degree assault, interviewed by Bellevue police and USPS inspectors and sent to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle for a mental evaluation.

## Blueberry bar proves too tempting for Bacon

**OH** TOLEDO — A runaway pot-bellied pig named Bacon turned out to be no match for an Ohio police officer armed with a blueberry breakfast bar.

Toledo police Officer Joe Okos was on patrol early Tuesday when he heard the call for help with corralling the 100-pound-plus pig. Okos grabbed a blanket and the breakfast bar from a Toledo hospital and then began pursuit of the pig.

He and fellow officers cornered the pig and lured him with the breakfast bar. Okos told The Blade newspaper in Toledo that Bacon ate the bait while he tossed the blanket over the pig to calm him down and keep him from biting.

## Grand Canyon officials cope with thirsty elk

**AZ** FLAGSTAFF — Grand Canyon officials have reduced water by banning disposable plastic water bottles and installing water stations for visitors.

But a new problem sprung up: Elk are helping themselves to water at the stations by lifting spring-loaded levers with their noses. Now, officials plan to elk-proof the stations to outsmart the animals, conserve water and protect visitors from aggressive behavior by the animals.

They are experimenting with a cage around the spouts at one water station and will change the way it's turned on.

"They got a little aggressive about it," chief resource manager Martha Hahn said. "They were pretty protective of that water

and wanting to get it first."

The elk don't always back down when visitors approach. Instead, they take a firm stance, particularly when protecting calves or during fall rutting season.

The elk haven't hurt anyone at the stations, but the animals have charged at wildlife biologists trying to disperse herds as many as 20 elk by staring them down and shooting them with paintball and water guns, wildlife biologist Brandon Holton said.

## Lots of loot left behind at Eastern States Expo

**MA** WEST SPRINGFIELD — With 1.5 million visitors, a few people are bound to lose something at the Eastern States Exposition.

But of the 536 items still at the Big E's lost and found, perhaps the most curious is a medal of St. Anthony, the patron saint of lost and stolen articles.

Big E officials told The Republican newspaper of Springfield that they have 200 pairs of glasses, dozens of cellphones, keys, backpacks and even a medical alert button.

They have a bag full of jew-

elry, and a wardrobe's worth of clothes, including hats and several children's shoes.

The Big E in West Springfield also has 80 lost driver's licenses, which are easy enough to return.

## Confused homing pigeon finds new home

**NH** EPPING — A police station sheltered, then released a confused homing pigeon that went the wrong way in a race. But the bird didn't go far after cloudy, rainy weather affected its ability to navigate.

For now, the pigeon is hanging out at the Epping Police Department, waiting for sunny weather.

He rested in a box and ate popcorn Wednesday night.

The 4-month-old pigeon showed up Monday after getting lost in a race from New York to its home in New Braintree, Mass.

Police contacted the bird's owner and kept it safe before releasing it Tuesday. But the pigeon flew only a few miles. The bird, which had a tag on its foot that said, "I left the Epping Police Department at 8:40 a.m. on 9/30/14," was returned to police.

From wire reports

## FACES



# Back for more

## 'Sleepy Hollow' hopes to engage fans in season 2

By ALICIA RANCILIO  
The Associated Press

**"S**leepy Hollow" was renewed after just three episodes last year, and star Tom Mison, who plays Ichabod Crane, calls the new season "the tricky second album."

Last season, people were ... expecting us to be terrible," Mison says of the Fox mythical drama. "Let's be honest ... (the show's premise is) quite a bold idea. Last season: low expectations. This season: high."

Set in modern day, Crane awakens after being killed in the Revolutionary War. He must adjust to the new time period, battle the headless horseman and dismiss the apocalypse with

the help of police officer Abbie Mills (Nicole Beharie). He's also trying to reunite with his wife, Katrina.

Beharie says "Sleepy Hollow" will be more character-driven this season. "This year it's a lot more personal, and there are a lot of questions about (whether Ichabod and Abbie) can remain loyal to one another and to their cause," she says.

Some fans are rooting for a romantic link to develop between Ichabod and Abbie.

"He's a guy, I'm a girl, and they're like, 'There should be kissing involved,'" Beharie said with a laugh. "I didn't see that happening. Not at all. ... That happens in some shows, but they're sort of focused on saving

the world and the apocalypse, so I don't see Abbie wanting to fight over the same romantic guy in any way."

Various "Sleepy Hollow"-themed books are in the works. The first, "The Secret Journal of Ichabod Crane," is now in stores.

Beharie would like a pop-up-themed episode, where various behind-the-scenes facts about filming appear on the screen now and then.

"Sleepy Hollow" is filmed in Wilmington, N.C., which Mison says can be "very close to unbearable" when the weather is very humid.

"The noises that I make when the wig comes off and that coat comes off," he joked. "I've never experienced joy like it."

### Other news

■ "The Voice" said Oct. 3 that Taylor Swift is serving as a mentor to competitors later this month. She'll make her first appearance Oct. 27, giving her some prime-time exposure on the day that her new album is scheduled to be released.

■ Eminem, Bruce Springsteen, Metallica and Rihanna are among the artists booked for a televised live concert from the National Mall in Washington, D.C., to raise awareness of issues concerning veterans. "The Concert for Valor" is planned for Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Jamie Foxx, Dave Grohl, comic John Oliver, Carrie Underwood and the Zac Brown Band also are scheduled to perform. Starbucks chairman Howard Schultz is spearheading the event.

■ "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star Teresa Giudice was sentenced Oct. 2 in U.S. District Court to 15 months in prison on conspiracy and bankruptcy fraud charges while her husband, Giuseppe "Joe" Giudice, was sentenced to 41 months by a judge who castigated them for failing to disclose all their assets yet gave both a measure of leniency.

■ Balsam Range has taken Entertainer of the Year honors at the International Bluegrass Music Awards in Raleigh, N.C. The awards presented Oct. 2 recognized outstanding achievement and pioneering efforts as determined by bluegrass industry professionals. Almost two dozen awards were presented to the top achievers. Balsam Range, of North Carolina, was also honored as the top vocal group. Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen were named instrumental group of the year. Buddy Melton was the male vocalist of the year. Amanda Smith was female vocalist of the year. Flatt Lonesome was named Emerging Artist of the Year.

■ Roger Waters has posted a note on his site, roger-waters.com, about the new Pink Floyd album "Endless River," the mostly instrumental LP featuring contributions from David Gilmour, Nick Mason and the late Floyd keyboardist Richard Wright. It's the band's first release in 20 years. Waters, who has extensively toured and performed entire Pink Floyd albums under his own name, did not perform on the album, and in fact has not been an official member of Pink Floyd since 1985. As his old band prepares for its new release, Waters would like to emphasize that he had no part in it.

■ The former headmaster of a private school founded by Nicholas Sparks says the author and other school leaders forced him out when he tried to recruit black students and faculty and supported a bullied group of gay students, and Oct. 3, he sued for damages. In the federal lawsuit, Saul Hillel Benjamin accuses Sparks of making racially and religiously dismissive remarks while Benjamin headed the school Sparks founded in New Bern, N.C.

■ Country music superstar Luke Bryan will perform at the 2015 Endymion Extravaganza. WVUE-TV reports the Mardi Gras krewe announced Bryan's performance Oct. 2 in New Orleans. Bryan will also serve as the Grand Marshal for the carnival krewe's parade, which rolls on Valentine's Day.

From wire reports

Tom Mison and Nicole Beharie, right, star on the TV show "Sleepy Hollow." It airs Tuesdays on AFN-Family. Beharie says this season of the show will be more character-driven. "This year it's a lot more personal, and there are a lot of questions about (whether Ichabod and Abbie) can remain loyal to one another and to their cause," she says.

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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## RadioShack reworks \$535M credit line

**By BETH JINKS**  
*Bloomberg News*

**NEW YORK** — RadioShack Corp., the electronics chain trying to stave off bankruptcy, agreed with a group led by Standard General to refinance a \$535 million credit facility to help it restock inventory before the holidays.

Standard General, a New York-based hedge fund, led a group of lenders that acquired the asset-backed, revolving credit line from General Electric's lending arm and agreed to loosen its borrowing terms, For Worth, Texas-based RadioShack said Friday in a statement. Standard General and Litespeed Management also agreed to provide \$120 million to cash collateralize letters of credit for the company. The retailer said it expects those funds to be converted into equity later.

The moves, some of which Bloomberg reported before the company's announcement, may provide RadioShack with enough of a financial cushion to last

through the crucial year-end shopping season. RadioShack has posted 10 straight quarters of losses, hurt by competition from e-commerce sites and discount retailers.

RadioShack's \$324.8 million face value of 6.75 percent unsecured bonds due in May 2019 jumped 7.7 cents on the dollar to 41.8 cents Friday, according to TRACE, the bond-price reporting system of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Standard General said in a filing last month that it was working to improve RadioShack's liquidity ahead of the holiday season. The fund, RadioShack's largest investor, also entered into a standstill agreement lasting until June 2015 that prevents it from taking over the board or proposing an acquisition or restructuring without RadioShack's consent.

If the \$120 million is converted to equity, Standard General will be able name four directors to the retailer's board. RadioShack's chief executive officer and two in-

dependent directors selected by the company also would sit on the board.

Existing shareholders would own 20 percent of the company's shares if none of them purchases stock in a rights offering that is part of the aid package. Any entity acquiring shares in the offering would have its voting rights limited to about 35 percent of the stock.

The refinancing gives RadioShack access to more cash and greater flexibility because the current debt agreement restricts how much money it can draw from the revolver, according to a Dec. 13 filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It also may provide the retailer with enough leeway to close a larger number of underperforming stores, helping the company consume less cash.

RadioShack creditors blocked a plan earlier this year to shut 1,100 stores, forcing the retailer to limit the closings as many as 200.

Standard General emerged as a potential savior for the retailer

in August, when Bloomberg reported that the hedge fund was in financing talks. The firm previously orchestrated a lifeline for American Apparel Inc., another troubled retailer.

RadioShack CEO Joe Magnacca has been remodeling stores and revamping its product lineup in a bid to revive sales. The former Walgreen executive, who took over last year, brought in a new leadership team and has outlined what he calls the "five pillars" of a turnaround, including boosting efficiency and repositioning its brand.

So far, the plan hasn't reversed RadioShack's decline. Comparable-store sales — considered a key gauge of performance — fell about 20 percent last quarter. The 93-year-old company has only reported one quarter of positive same-store sales in the past three years.

RadioShack said last month that it has liquidity of \$182.5 million, including \$30.5 million in cash.

EXCHANGE RATES		
Military rates		
Euro costs (Oct. 6)	\$1.2982	
Dollar buys (Oct. 6)	€0.7663	
British pound (Oct. 6)	\$1.66	
Japanese yen (Oct. 6)	¥107.00	
South Korean won (Oct. 6)	₩1,034.00	
Commercial rates		
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771	
British pound	\$1.5967/0.6263	
Canada (dollar)	1.1256	
China (Yuan)	6.1390	
Denmark (Krone)	5.9666	
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525	
Euro	\$1.2511/1.7593	
Hong Kong (Dollar)	1.7586	
Hungary (Forint)	249.67	
Israel (Shekel)	3.6890	
Japan (Yen)	109.84	
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2895	
Norway (Krone)	6.3502	
Philippines (Peso)	44.35	
Poland (Zloty)	3.31	
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518	
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2820	
South Korea (Won)	1,061.50	
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9674	
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.65	
Turkey (Lira)	2.2957	
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INTEREST RATES		
Prime rate	3.25	
3-month bill	0.09	
Federal funds market rate	0.09	
3-month bill	0.02	
30-year bond	3.12	

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures															
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Abletne, Tex	68	63	Cir	Chattanooga	74	50	Cir	Fort Wayne	60	43	Cir	Louisville	71	51	Rain
Akron, Ohio	62	42	Rain	Cheney	70	40	Cir	Fresno	96	63	Cir	Lubbock	85	52	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	65	39	Cir	Chicago	59	44	Cir	Grandland	73	43	Cir	Madison	56	37	Pdly
Albuquerque	80	51	Cir	Cincinnati	67	45	Cir	Grand Junction	73	44	Cir	Madison	56	37	Pdly
Allentown, Pa.	68	37	Cir	Cleveland	61	45	Rain	Grand Rapids	57	43	Cir	Medford	90	49	Rain
Anchorage	36	29	Cir	Colorado Springs	75	42	Cir	Great City	73	43	Cir	Memphis	74	43	Cir
Asheville	77	50	Pdly	Columbia, S.C.	76	45	Cir	Green Bay	54	34	Pdly	Miami Beach	85	72	Pdly
Atlanta	72	43	Pdly	Columbus, Ga.	79	50	Cir	Green Bay	54	34	Pdly	Miami Beach	85	72	Pdly
Atlantic City	71	43	Cir	Concord, N.H.	66	43	Cir	Green Bay	54	34	Pdly	Miami Beach	85	72	Pdly
Austin	72	43	Cir	Corpus Christi	89	74	Pdly	Harburg	66	39	Cir	Milwaukee	67	42	Cir
Baltimore	71	45	Pdly	Dallas-Ft. Worth	89	66	Cir	Hartford	67	40	Pdly	Mpls-St Paul	56	35	Pdly
Baton Rouge	84	59	Cir	Dayton	64	44	Cir	Honolulu	90	72	Pdly	Mobile	84	59	Pdly
Bilings	74	48	Pdly	Daytona Beach	81	58	Cir	Houston	84	68	Cir	Montgomery	82	51	Pdly
Birmingham	79	51	Pdly	Denver	76	44	Cir	Indianapolis	64	46	Cir	New Orleans	82	51	Pdly
Bismarck	61	42	Cir	Des Moines	66	46	Pdly	Jackassonville	85	57	Pdly	New York City	69	49	Cir
Boise	78	51	Cir	Detroit	60	45	Cir	Juneau	48	41	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	75	50	Cir
Boston	65	46	Cir	Duluth	48	33	Cir	Knoxville	64	49	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	75	50	Cir
Bridgeport	78	49	Cir	El Paso	84	58	Cir	Key West	66	76	Cir	Omaha	62	45	Pdly
Brownsville	89	76	Cir	Elkins	66	38	Cir	Knoxville	74	47	Cir	Omaha	62	45	Pdly
Buffalo	62	39	Cir	Erie	60	47	Rain	Las Vegas	91	68	Cir	Orlando	83	63	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	64	46	Cir	Evansville	70	49	Pdly	Las Vegas	91	68	Cir	Orlando	83	63	Cir
Caribou, Maine	60	37	Cir	Fairbanks	29	23	Cir	Las Vegas	91	68	Cir	Orlando	83	63	Cir
Casper, Wyo.	70	39	Cir	Fargo	58	37	Cir	Las Vegas	91	68	Cir	Orlando	83	63	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	78	47	Cir	Flagstaff	73	32	Cir	Las Vegas	91	68	Cir	Orlando	83	63	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	70	45	Cir	Flint	57	40	Cir	Las Vegas	91	68	Cir	Orlando	83	63	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	75	44	Pdly	Fort Smith	81	56	Cir	Las Vegas	91	68	Cir	Orlando	83	63	Cir

National temperature extremes															
City	Hi	Stat.	Lo	City	Hi	Stat.	Lo	City	Hi	Stat.	Lo	City	Hi	Stat.	Lo
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Albuquerque	80	51	Albuquerque	80	51	Albuquerque	80	51	Albuquerque	80	51	Albuquerque	80	51	Albuquerque
Allentown, Pa.	68	37	Allentown, Pa.	68	37	Allentown, Pa.	68	37	Allentown, Pa.	68	37	Allentown, Pa.	68	37	Allentown, Pa.
Anchorage	36	29	Anchorage	36	29	Anchorage	36	29	Anchorage	36	29	Anchorage	36	29	Anchorage
Asheville	77	50	Asheville	77	50	Asheville	77	50	Asheville	77	50	Asheville	77	50	Asheville
Atlanta	72	43	Atlanta	72	43	Atlanta	72	43	Atlanta	72	43	Atlanta	72	43	Atlanta
Austin	72	43	Austin	72	43	Austin	72	43	Austin	72	43	Austin	72	43	Austin
Baltimore	71	45	Baltimore	71	45	Baltimore	71	45	Baltimore	71	45	Baltimore	71	45	Baltimore
Baton Rouge	84	59	Baton Rouge	84	59	Baton Rouge	84	59	Baton Rouge	84	59	Baton Rouge	84	59	Baton Rouge
Bilings	74	48	Bilings	74	48	Bilings	74	48	Bilings	74	48	Bilings	74	48	Bilings
Birmingham	79	51	Birmingham	79	51	Birmingham	79	51	Birmingham	79	51	Birmingham	79	51	Birmingham
Bismarck	61	42	Bismarck	61	42	Bismarck	61	42	Bismarck	61	42	Bismarck	61	42	Bismarck
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Boston	65	46	Boston	65	46	Boston	65	46	Boston	65	46	Boston	65	46	Boston
Bridgeport	78	49	Bridgeport	78	49	Bridgeport	78	49	Bridgeport	78	49	Bridgeport	78	49	Bridgeport
Brownsville	89	76	Brownsville	89	76	Brownsville	89	76	Brownsville	89	76	Brownsville	89	76	Brownsville
Buffalo	62	39	Buffalo	62	39	Buffalo	62	39	Buffalo	62	39	Buffalo	62	39	Buffalo
Burlington, Vt.	64	46	Burlington, Vt.	64	46	Burlington, Vt.	64	46	Burlington, Vt.	64	46	Burlington, Vt.	64	46	Burlington, Vt.
Caribou, Maine	60	37	Caribou, Maine	60	37	Caribou, Maine	60	37	Caribou, Maine	60	37	Caribou, Maine	60	37	Caribou, Maine
Casper, Wyo.	70	39	Casper, Wyo.	70	39	Casper, Wyo.	70	39	Casper, Wyo.	70	39	Casper, Wyo.	70	39	Casper, Wyo.
Charleston, S.C.	78	47	Charleston, S.C.	78	47	Charleston, S.C.	78	47	Charleston, S.C.	78	47	Charleston, S.C.	78	47	Charleston, S.C.
Charleston, W.Va.	70	45	Charleston, W.Va.	70	45	Charleston, W.Va.	70	45	Charleston, W.Va.	70	45	Charleston, W.Va.	70	45	Charleston, W.Va.
Charlotte, N.C.	75	44	Charlotte, N.C.	75	44	Charlotte, N.C.	75	44	Charlotte, N.C.	75	44	Charlotte, N.C.	75	44	Charlotte, N.C.

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## OPINION

## Military can do only so much in Mideast

By ANDREW J. BACEVICH

As America's efforts to "degrade and ultimately destroy" Islamic State militants extend into Syria, Iran War III has seamlessly morphed into Greater Middle East Battlefield XIV. That is, Syria has become at least the 14th country in the Islamic world that U.S. forces have invaded or occupied or bombed, and in which American soldiers have killed or been killed. And that's just since 1980.

Let's tick them off: Iran (1980, 1987-88), Libya (1981, 1986-1989, 2011), Lebanon (1983), Kuwait (1991), Iraq (1991-2011, 2014-), Somalia (1992-93, 2007-), Bosnia (1995), Saudi Arabia (1991, 1996), Afghanistan (1998, 2001-), Sudan (1998), Kosovo (1999), Yemen (2000, 2002-), Pakistan (2004-) and now Syria. Whew.

With our 14th front barely opened, the Pentagon foresees a campaign likely to last for years. Yet even at this early date, this much already seems clear: Even if we win, we lose. Defeating the Islamic State would only commit the United States more deeply to a decades-old enterprise that has proved costly and counterproductive.

Back in 1980, President Jimmy Carter touched things off when he announced that the United States would use force to prevent the Persian Gulf from falling into the wrong hands. In effect, with the post-Ottoman order created by European imperialists — chiefly the British — after World War I apparently at risk, the United States made a fateful decision: It shouldered responsibility for preventing that order from disintegrating further. Britain's withdrawal from "east of Suez," along with the revolution in Iran and Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, prompted Washington to insert itself into a region in which it previously avoided serious military involvement.

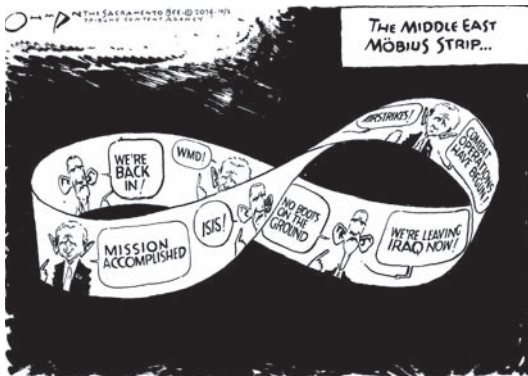
At the time, oil — not freedom, democracy or human rights — defined the principal American interest, and stability was the goal. Military power offered the means by which the United States hoped to attain that goal. America might keep it, but it did on things. The pot might simmer, but it wouldn't boil over.

In practice, however, whether putting boots on the ground or relying on missiles from above, subsequent U.S. efforts to promote stability have tended to produce just the opposite. Part of the problem is that American policymakers have repeatedly given in to the temptation to unleash a bit of near-term chaos, betting that longer-term order will emerge on the other end.

Back in Vietnam, this was known as burning down the village to save it. In the Greater Middle East, it has meant dismantling a country with the aim of erecting something more preferable — "regime change" as a prelude to "nation building." Unfortunately, the United States has proved considerably more adept at the former than the latter.

Mostly, coercive regime change has produced power vacuums. Iraq offers a glaring example. Although studiously ignored by Washington, post-Gadafi Libya offers a second. And unless the gods are in an exceptionally generous mood, Afghanistan will probably become a third whenever U.S. and NATO combat troops finally depart.

In place of governing arrangements that Washington judged objectionable,



the United States has found itself coping with the absence of any effective governments whatsoever. Instead of curbing bad behavior, spanking induced all sorts of pathologies.

By inadvertently sowing instability, the United States has played directly into the hands of anti-Western radical Islamists intent on supplanting the European-imposed post-Ottoman order with something more to their liking. This is the so-called caliphate that Osama bin Laden yearned to create and that now exists in embryonic form in the portions of Iraq and Syria that Islamic State radicals control.

Want to measure what America's war for the Middle East has accomplished through its first 13 iterations? The Islamic State has to rank prominently on any list of achievements. If Iraq possessed minimally effective security forces, Islamic State militants wouldn't have a chance. But the Iraqi army we created won't fight, in considerable measure because the Iraqi government we created doesn't govern.

President Barack Obama did not initiate the long and varied sequence of military actions that has produced this situation. Yet he finds himself caught in a dilemma. To give the Islamic State a free hand is to allow proponents of the caliphate to exploit the instability that U.S. efforts, some involving Obama himself, have fostered. But to make Syria the latest free-fire zone in America's never-ending Middle East misadventure will almost surely prolong and exacerbate the agonies that country is experiencing, with little ability to predict what consequences will ensue.

Even if U.S. and allied forces succeed in routing this militant group, there is little

reason to expect that the results for Syrians will be pretty good — or that the prospects of regional harmony will improve. Suppress the symptoms, and the disease simply manifests itself in other ways. There is always another Islamic State waiting in the wings.

Obama's bet — the same bet made by each of his predecessors, going back to Carter — is that the skillful application of U.S. military might can somehow provide a way out of this dilemma. They were wrong, and so is he.

We may be grateful that Obama has learned from his predecessor that invading and occupying countries in this region of the world just doesn't work. The lesson he will bequeath to his successor is that drone strikes and commando raids don't solve the problem, either.

We must hope for victory over the Islamic State. But even if achieved, that victory will not redeem but merely prolong a decades-long military undertaking that was flawed from the outset. When the 14th campaign runs its course, the 15th will no doubt be waiting, perhaps in Jordan or in a return visit to some unfinished battleground such as Libya or Somalia or Yemen.

Yet even as the United States persists in its determination to pacify the Greater Middle East, the final verdict is already in. U.S. military power has never offered an appropriate response to whatever ails the Islamic world. We've committed our troops to a fool's errand.

And worse, the errand is also proving unnecessary. With abundant North American energy reserves now accessible — all that shale oil and cracked gas — we don't need the Persian Gulf oil that ostensibly made our post-1980 military exertions imperative. For whatever reasons, Washington's national security elites seem oblivious to the implications these reasons have for policy in the Middle East.

No matter how long it lasts, America's war for the Greater Middle East will end in failure. And when it does, Americans will discover that it was also superfluous.

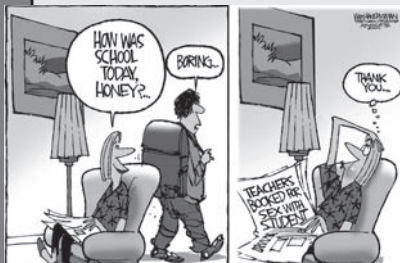
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East	West	Pct	PP	FA
Buffalo	2	0	500	79
Miami	2	0	500	96
New England	2	0	500	80
N.Y. Jets	1	3	500	79

South	North	Pct	PP	FA
Houston	1	3	750	87
Indianapolis	2	0	500	136
Tennessee	3	0	500	610
Jacksonville	0	6	500	58

West	East	Pct	PP	FA
Cincinnati	3	0	1,000	80
Baltimore	3	0	750	103
Pittsburgh	2	0	500	97
Cleveland	1	0	333	74

West	East	Pct	PP	FA
San Diego	3	1	750	102
Los Angeles	2	0	667	75
Kansas City	2	0	500	102
Oakland	1	3	500	51

North	South	Pct	PP	FA
Philadelphia	3	0	750	122
Dallas	3	0	750	115
N.Y. Giants	2	0	500	103
Washington	1	3	500	72

South	North	Pct	PP	FA
Atlanta	2	0	500	131
Carolina	2	0	500	73
New Orleans	1	3	250	115
San Francisco	1	3	250	115

North	South	Pct	PP	FA
Detroit	3	0	750	82
Green Bay	2	0	500	134
Chicago	2	0	500	120
Minnesota	2	0	500	120

West	East	Pct	PP	FA
Arizona	3	0	1,000	66
Seattle	2	0	500	83
San Francisco	2	0	500	88
St. Louis	1	3	500	58

Thursday's game	Score
Green Bay 42, Minnesota 10	
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Cleveland at Tennessee	
Atlanta at New Orleans	
Houston at Dallas	
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Atlanta at Philadelphia	
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants	
Atlanta at Detroit	
Baltimore at Indianapolis	
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville	
Atlanta at Denver	
Kansas City at San Francisco	
N.Y. Jets at San Francisco	
Cincinnati at New England	

Open: Monday's game	Score
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# HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS EUROPE

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

# Wiesbaden pair still looking unbeatable

Defending European champs Eidem (golf) and Sullivan (tennis) setting a great example

Its volleyball and football teams are locked in European championship chases that could end in either triumph or defeat. But two individual Wiesbaden phenoms appear headed for all-but-inevitable repeat titles.

On the golf course, a worthy rival to reigning champion Jenna Eidem has yet to materialize and likely won't before the Wiesbaden senior claims her fourth straight European championship this Friday on her hometown Rheinblick Golf Course. Eidem hasn't faced a serious challenge all season, including in a 15-point runaway victory in Thursday's regular-season finale at Rheinblick.

Warriors junior Jade Sullivan, meanwhile, has been equally ruthless on the tennis court. The increasingly dominant defending champion has sailed through the fall season without dropping so much as a set in either singles or doubles play; she won her No. 1 singles match against Kaiserslautern with ease Saturday and teamed with Cassandra Pritchett for a comfortable doubles win.

**AFNORTH:** The Lions crowded the boys golf leaderboard en route to a narrow team victory over host Baumholder on Thursday. Three AFNORTH golfers cracked the top five, led by runner-up Michael Yasenchak.

**Alconbury:** The Dragons remained winless in football, but just barely in a rainy 13-12 loss to SHAPE on Saturday. There's hope for the future, however, in the form of freshman running back Adarius Gallon, who carried 25 times for 165 yards and a touchdown against the Spartans.

**American Overseas School of Rome:** After taking its first loss of the season on Saturday, the Falcon girls volleyball team will have plenty of time to recover before the tournament arrives at the end of the month. Their remaining regular-season schedule includes stops at Florence, Aviano and Naples.

**Ansbach:** How high can they go? The Cougars continued to escalate their offense Saturday in a 52-0 football rout of Baumholder. They've boosted their output in each of four wins this season, from 40 to 48 to 50 to 52.

**Aviano:** The Saints enjoyed a successful Saturday on the volleyball courts. Alan Masters led the girls to a four-set win over Marymount, while Dundry Peoples spearheaded a boys sweep.

**Baumholder:** Daniel Sparks was far and away the strongest runner in a diverse cross country field Saturday. The homestanding due finished in 19 minutes and 16 seconds, a full minute and a half ahead of his nearest rival.

**Bitburg:** This fall's streamlined Division II volleyball playoff bracket might allow room for a fresh contender like the Barons to elbow into contention. Bitburg blasted Ansbach 25-15, 25-16, 25-9 on Saturday, a full minute and a half ahead of his nearest rival.

**Brussels:** The Brussels girls cross country contingent took over a small-school meet at Baumholder on Saturday. Brigand runners swept the event's top three spots, led by Kiki Carson with a time of 22:40.

**Black Forest Academy:** With close to a month remaining before the postseason, the Falcons have already played their final home volleyball match of the year. BFA will travel to Ansbach, Patch and



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Ramstein's Danee Lawrence soars for a spike on Saturday during a volleyball match against Vilseck at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The Falcons topped the three-time defending European champ Royals in straight sets.

Bitburg to complete the regular season before heading to the Kaiserslautern Military Community for the tournament.

**Hohenfels:** It might have been an upset last year, but it wasn't a fluke. The Tigers reprised last fall's dramatic, streak-ending semifinal football win over Bitburg on Saturday with a 36-32 victory over the Barons. David

Vidovic again led the way with 270 rushing yards and three touchdowns, but he had capable help in Trey Briscoe, Clayton Pinheiro and AJ Day.

**International School of Brussels:** A productive Friday night of football saw the Raiders even their season record, enhance their postseason chances and kick off a proper homecoming celebration. ISB cruised to a 47-8 win over Menwith Hill/Woodham to improve to 2-2 entering its season finale against SHAPE.

**Kaiserslautern:** Ace Joshua Merchat led the Raider boys tennis team to a 7-2 team victory at Wiesbaden on Saturday. The senior added a doubles win to his straight-set No. 1 singles victory to secure the unbeaten day.

**Lakenheath:** Senior captain Jade Julien pointed the way to the Lancers' first Division I victory of the season on Saturday at Ramstein. Lakenheath swept Kaiserslautern 25-21, 25-18, 26-24.

**Naples:** It remains to be seen whether both or either will win a championship, but the Wildcats currently field DODDS Europe's best combination of boys and girls volleyball programs. Both Naples squads went 3-0 over the weekend and have just one loss between them.

**Patch:** Panther sophomore Jordan Holfield isn't quite a shoo-in for another golf title the way his champion counterpart Eidem is, but he's certainly trending in that direction. The picture of consistency, Holfield scored 23 points each on the front and back nine Thursday to earn a four-point win over a field that included nearly all of the primary threats to his title.

**Ramstein:** The Royals finally bent a little bit Saturday before breaking archival Kaiserslautern in a hard-won 45-13 football victory. Running back Ben Ciero found the end zone four times, more than enough to offset the first two touchdowns the Ramstein defense has yielded this season.

**Rota:** The Admiral football team has caught the attention of DODDS-Europe followers this fall, but the school's volleyball team has been just as impressive. Rota swept three sets from a very good AFNORTH squad on Saturday to improve to 3-0 on the season.

**SHAPE:** The Spartans continue to be a long-shot to repeat their 2013 run to the European championship game, but as of Saturday, that shot remains intact. SHAPE sloshed its way to a rain-soaked 13-12 win over Alconbury that evened its record and kept the playoffs well within reach.

**Signonella:** The Jaguars have spent the volleyball season bumping up against Italian powers such as Naples and Vicenza, a step that many small schools say is necessary to build a grizzled postseason contender. But there's something to be said for winning as well, and Signonella will get its chances down the stretch when fellow small schools Florence and Marymount visit.

**Vicenza:** The school's newly-promoted Division I volleyball team will face fresh challenges at the European tournament in a few weeks. The Cougars tuned up Saturday by edging a familiar old rival in a 25-22, 16-25, 14-25, 25-17, 15-12 marathon win over AOSR.

**Vilseck:** Saturday couldn't have gone much better for the Falcon volleyball team. The sweet-serving squad routed three-time defending champion Ramstein on its home court, and celebrated with a four-set win over 2013 runner-up Lakenheath.

—Gregory Broome

## HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS PACIFIC

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

# Paylor rushes to record in Red Devils' win

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

It had been 16 seasons since Kinnick football had last won at Yokota's Bonk Field. Dre Paylor helped the Red Devils put an emphatic end Friday to what was called the "Yokota jinx" by making some Pacific rushing history of his own.

The Junior running back rushed for a Pacific single game-record 445 yards and scoring all five touchdowns for Kinnick, which held off a second-half rally for a 36-23 win. It was the Red Devils' first victory at Yokota since the 1998 season opener.

Paylor broke a record that had stood for eight years, almost to the day. On Oct. 4, 2006, David Smalls of Seoul American ran 29 times for 421 yards. Paylor also broke his own Japan record of 371 yards, set last Sept. 6, also against Yokota.

"I couldn't have asked for a nicer person to break the record," Kinnick coach Dan Joley said. "I love Dre. He's been a workhorse, a real team leader. As a unit, everybody works hard to get Dre the yards, but Dre appreciates the team aspect of it."

Paylor leads the Pacific with 17 touchdowns and 1,224 yards on 106 carries.

Red Devil success wasn't confined to the field. Kinnick's cross-country teams swept the boys and girls titles Saturday at Misawa City's Citizens Park, with Cassie Burger taking the girls individual title. Kinnick placed four boys and five girls in the top 10.

**Edgren:** Daniel Lovett and Shawn Robinson had huge nights Friday as the Eagles took another step toward their third straight Far East Division II title game. Lovett accounted for four touchdowns and Robinson three and the Eagles stopped a two-point conversion in the closing seconds of a 35-34 edging of Zama.

**Zama:** On a big night for special teams, Jake Bayardo and Jaeden Baker each returned kickoffs 90 yards for touchdowns in the losing cause. ... The Trojans boys finished a couple of ticks behind Kinnick 23-32 in the Misawa cross-country meet, with Kai Cordrey finishing second.

**Yokota:** Sophomore running back Shota Sprunger continued to show he may be a future Panthers star, accounting for 247 yards of total offense and two touchdowns in the loss to Kinnick. ... In the Misawa meet, Daniel Gal-



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**Kinnick's Dre Paylor eludes Yokota defender Noah Macias en route to a Pacific single-game record 445 yards on 27 carries. Paylor also scored five touchdowns in the Red Devils' 36-23 win.**

vin remained unbeaten on the season, posting a time of 18 minutes, 2.11 seconds.

**M.C. Perry:** Samurai football's three-game winning streak ended with a 41-0 shut-out loss Friday at American School in Japan. Coach Frank Macias said the game would serve as educational for the Samurai, in that they

learned what it was like to go up against a team that spends time in the weight room.

**E.J. King:** With a 9-7 victory in Saturday's championship match over Cedric Pacaud of Canadian Academy-Kobe, junior Rikki Kendall became the second DODDS player to play in a Western Japan Athletic Association tennis

tournament at Senri Osaka International School. Perry's Sam Cadavos won the event in 2011.

**Kubasaki:** Junior quarterback DeCurtis Davis came up big again, accounting for 204 yards of total offense, throwing for three touchdowns and running for two as the Dragons blanked Seoul American 47-0. On the season, Davis is a Pacific-leading 51-for-79 for 624 yards and 11 touchdown passes.

**Kadena:** Hunter Fienec and Wren Renquist remained unbeaten in Okinawa's cross country season, but as a team, the Panthers boys and girls lost to Kubasaki in the same meet for the first time this season.

**Guam:** Even in watching a five-point lead evaporate in a 31-21 loss Saturday to Southern, the Panthers watched the continued versatility of sophomore Juan King. He lined up at quarterback, running back and receiver and accounted for 195 yards of offense and all three Panthers touchdowns.

**Seoul American:** With their Division I season games in the books, Falcon football now turns its attention to its final two games, each against a Division II opponent. After a week layoff, the Falcons host Daegu on Oct. 17.

**Daegu:** DeAndre Rosalie turned in a big performance as the Warriors matched the Pacific record by qualifying for their sixth D-II title game. Rosalie had 302 yards of offense and three touchdowns as Daegu blanked Humphreys 32-0 in a game called at halftime because of the score and the Blackhawks losing players to injury.

**Osan:** Cougars football is also looking to get well, and will host Daegu for the second time this season, looking to get their first win in five tries. ... Kevin Polidan won both his singles matches to help give Osan a split of two matches as a team over the weekend, beating Daegu and falling to Humphreys.

**Humphreys:** In that same DODDS Korea tri-meet at Humphreys, No. 1 girls singles seed Elisa Choi helped pace the Blackhawks to victories over Osan and Daegu. Humphreys girls dropped just one match on Saturday. The Blackhawks also prevailed against the Cougars and Warriors, losing just three matches.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Phelps entering program

## Olympic champion puts swimming on hold for six-week help

The Associated Press

Putting his swimming career on hold after his second DUI arrest, Olympic champion Michael Phelps began a six-week program Sunday that he said "will provide the help I need to better understand myself."

The winning athlete in Olympic history made the announcement in a series of posts on his Twitter account.

According to his representatives at Octagon, Phelps entered an in-patient program that will keep him from competing at least through mid-November, though there's no indication he plans to give up swimming.

"The past few days have been extremely difficult," Phelps said in a statement. "I recognize that this is not my first lapse in judgment, and I am extremely disappointed with myself. I'm going to take some time away to attend a program that will provide the help I need to better understand myself."

He added, "Swimming is a major part of my life, but right now I need to focus my attention on me as an individual, and do the necessary work to learn from this experience and make better decisions in the future."

The 29-year-old Phelps was arrested early Tuesday and charged with drunken driving. Police said he failed a series of field sobriety tests and had a blood-alcohol content of 0.14 percent, well above the legal limit of 0.08.

Phelps retired after the 2012 Olympics in London, having won a record 18 gold medals and 22 medals overall. But he returned to competition this year with the goal of making the 2016 Rio Games.

His comeback has produced encouraging results, including three golds and two silvers at the Pac Pacific Championships in August.

Now, swimming is on hold.

A statement from Octagon said Phelps was entering "a comprehensive program that will help him focus on all of his life experiences and identify areas of need for long-term personal growth and development."

Michael takes this matter seriously and intends to share his learning experiences with others in the future," the statement said.

While Phelps was still working out his schedule for the upcoming year, he will surely miss the first

U.S. Grand Prix meet at Minneapolis, which begins Nov. 20. The remaining five Grand Prix meets are all in the first half of 2015 — important steps in the lead-up to next summer's world championships in Russia.

Phelps has already qualified for the worlds, the most important meet on the swimming calendar outside of the Olympics. He was not planning to compete in the short course world championships, which will be held in early December in Qatar. The U.S. team for that meet, which includes long-time Phelps rival Ryan Lochte, was announced last week.

Phelps was also charged with excessive speed and crossing double lane lines on Interstate 95 in his native Baltimore, according to the Maryland Transportation Authority Police. An officer reported that Phelps was clocked going 84 mph in a 45-mph zone.

The statement of probable cause said Phelps' eyes were red, bloodshot, and "his speech was mush mouth." When asked to do a one-leg stand, Phelps replied, "That's not happening," according to the statement.

### Crash in F1 race leaves driver Bianchi critical

SUZUKA, Japan — Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won a rain-shortened Japanese Grand Prix on Sunday, claiming his third straight Formula One victory in a race marred by a serious crash.

With Hamilton leading teammate Nico Rosberg, a red flag ended the race on the 44th of 53 laps due to a crash involving Marussia driver Jules Bianchi. With heavy rain falling and visibility poor, race officials elected not to re-start and Hamilton was declared the winner. Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel finished third.

Hamilton widened his lead over Rosberg in the race for the drivers' championship but the race celebrations were subdued as Bianchi was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

"Our first thoughts go to Jules," Hamilton said. "It overshadows everything else when one of our colleagues is injured and we are praying for him. Next to this, the race result doesn't seem significant at all."

Bianchi was undergoing emergency surgery after a scan revealed a severe head injury

### Kyle Busch captures Nationwide race

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Extending his NASCAR Nationwide Series record to 69 victories was nice. Winning for the second week in a row and the sixth time this season were, too.

What really mattered to Kyle Busch, though, was the chance to get some more competitive laps at Kansas Speedway going into the Sprint Cup race Sunday.

"Some good things happened today that I was able to pick upon," Busch said after making a late pass on Kevin Harvick and then holding on down the stretch. "Just the way the car drove, and the way we were able to make different lanes work, whether it was on restarts or whether it was during the race, picking off traffic. Just things like that."

Busch, also the winner last week at Dover, picked up his first Nationwide win of the year on a 1.5-mile track.

Harvick, who will be on the pole for Sunday's race, pulled away in his Chevrolet at the final restart with 40 laps to go, but Busch's Toyota got around him with 20 to go and won by 0.767 seconds.

Ryan Blaney was third in a Ford after starting on the outside of the front row.

Rookie Chase Elliott tightened his hold on the points lead with four races to go, finishing 10th after avoiding a collision with Jamie Dimm shortly after the three-quarter mark in the 200-lap, 300-mile race. That padded his lead to 38 points.

### Wilson tops McIlroy for first European victory

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Oliver Wilson held off Rory McIlroy to capture his first European Tour title with a one-shot victory in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

Wilson shot a 2-under 70 in the final round on the Old Course at St. Andrews as McIlroy came up just short after a bogey on the 17th hole. Wilson finished at 17-under 271, with McIlroy (68) in the three-way tie for second with Richie Ramsay of Scotland and Tommy Fleetwood of England.

The 34-year-old Wilson, currently ranked 792nd in the world, had finished second nine times in his 227 previous tour events.



TORU TAKAHASHI/AP

Marussia driver Jules Bianchi races during the Japanese Formula One Grand Prix at the Suzuka Circuit in Suzuka, central Japan, Sunday. Bianchi later crashed and was taken to the hospital, where he was undergoing emergency surgery for a severe head injury.

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Saturday's stars

- Mike Bercovici, Arizona State, threw for 510 yards and five TDs, including a 46-yard Hail Mary to Jaelyn Strong on the final play to give the Sun Devils a 38-34 win over No. 16 Southern California.
- Todd Gurley, Georgia, ran for 163 yards and two TDs to lead the No. 13 Bulldogs past Vanderbilt, 44-17.
- Nick Marshall, Auburn, passed for 207 yards, ran for 119 and accounted for four TDs to lead the No. 5 Tigers to a 41-7 blowout of No. 15 LSU.
- Dak Prescott, Mississippi State, ran for three TDs and threw for two more scores, helping the No. 12 Bulldogs overwhelm No. 6 Texas A&M 48-31.
- Godwin Igwebuike, Northwestern, had three interceptions to help the resurgent Wildcats upset Melvin Gordon and No. 17 Wisconsin 20-14.
- Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, ran for a career-high 259 yards and a TD in the No. 17 Badgers' 20-14 loss to Northwestern.
- Shock Linwood, Baylor, ran for 148 yards and the clinching touchdown, helping the No. 7 Bears beat Texas 28-7.
- J.T. Barrett, Ohio State, threw for 267 yards and four TDs, and ran for 71 yards and another score in the No. 20 Buckeyes' 52-24 win over Maryland.
- Thomas Rawls, Central Michigan, ran for a career-high 229 yards and two TDs in a 28-10 win over Ohio.
- Rashard Higgins, Colorado State, had six catches for 178 yards and four TDs to lead the Rams to a 42-17 win over Tulsa.
- Shane Carden, East Carolina, threw for 410 yards and four TDs to help the No. 22 Pirates beat SMU 45-24.
- Brandon Bridge, South Alabama, threw for a career-high 339 yards and three TDs in three quarters in a 47-21 victory over Appalachian State.
- Marshaun Coprich, Illinois State, ran for 174 yards and a career-best four TDs in a 45-10 rout of South Dakota State.
- Morgan Roberts, Yale, threw for 312 yards and a career-high five TDs in a 51-13 win over Cornell.

—The Associated Press



Colorado State's Rashard Higgins scores on his four touchdowns against Tulsa on Saturday. He had six catches for 178 yards.

## How the AP Top 25 fared

- Florida State (5-0) beat Wake Forest 43-3.** At Tallahassee, Fla., a lackluster effort from quarterback James Winston and the Seminoles offense allowed kicker Roberto Aguayo and the defense to shine against Wake Forest. Winston threw for 297 yards with a touchdown and an interception, and Aguayo kicked a career-high five field goals. He also set a school record with 21 consecutive field goals.  
**Next:** at Syracuse, Saturday.
- Oregon (4-1) lost to Arizona 31-24, Saturday.** At Eugene, Ore., Nick Wilson scored three touchdowns and Arizona stunned heavily favored Oregon once again and damaged the Ducks' chances of getting a spot in college football's first postseason play-off.  
**Next:** at No. 8 UCLA, Saturday.
- Alabama (4-1) lost to No. 11 Mississippi 23-17.** At Oxford, Miss., the Rebels took a 23-17 lead on Bo Wallace's 22-yard field goal throw to Jaylen Walton with 2:54 remaining as Ole Miss rallied from a fourth-quarter deficit. Tide had a chance to win, but Senquez Golson intercepted a pass from Blake Sims in the end zone with 37 seconds remaining.  
**Next:** at Arkansas, Saturday.
- Oklahoma (4-1) lost to No. 25 TCU 37-33.** At Fort Worth, Texas, TCU made a huge fourth-and-1 stop with 4:05 over 30 minutes left and the Horned Frogs upset Oklahoma. The Sooners' Samaje Perine was stuffed by linebacker Marcus Mallett for no gain on fourth down from the TCU 22. Offenses confirmed on a replay review that Perine was stopped short of a first down.  
**Next:** vs. Texas at Dallas, Saturday.
- Auburn (5-0) beat No. 15 LSU 41-7.** At Auburn, Ala., Nick Marshall passed for 207 yards, and two touchdowns for Auburn ran for 119 and two more scores as the Tigers dominated from the start, with the 41 points matching their highest total in the rivalry.  
**Next:** at No. 12 Mississippi State, Saturday.
- Texas A&M (5-1) lost to No. 12 Mississippi State 48-31.** At Starkville, Miss., Mississippi State never let Kenny Hill and the high-scoring Aggies (5-1, 2-1) get close enough to threaten. Hill threw for 365 yards and four touchdowns, but had three passes picked off by linebacker Richie Brown, who matched a school record.  
**Next:** vs. No. 11 Mississippi State, Saturday.
- Baylor (5-0) beat Texas 28-7.** At Austin, Texas, Shock Linwood ran for 148 yards and the clinching touchdown and Baylor overcame a rare off day by quarterback Bryce Petty and the nation's No. 1 offense. The Bears won with tough defense, two big plays on special teams and a power running game that wore down Texas in the second half.  
**Next:** vs. No. 25 TCU, Saturday.
- UCLA (4-1) lost to Utah 30-28.** At Pasadena, Calif., Andy Phillips kicked a 29-yard field goal with 34 seconds left for Utah, and UCLA's Ka'imi Fairbairn missed two field-goal attempts with no time on the clock. Fairbairn missed a 50-yard field goal on an untimed down after Eric Rowe was penalized for running into him on a failed 55-yard attempt as time expired.  
**Next:** vs. No. 2 Oregon, Saturday.
- Notre Dame (5-0) beat No. 14 Stanford 17-14.** At South Bend, Ind., Everett Golson threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Ben Koyack in the corner of the end zone with 1:01 left and the Irish overcame two turnovers and two bungled snaps on field goals to win in cold and rainy conditions.  
**Next:** vs. North Carolina, Saturday.
- Michigan State (4-1) beat No. 19 Nebraska 27-22.** At East Lansing, Mich., Tar Waynees intercepted Tommy Armstrong's pass with 30 seconds remaining, and the Spartans held off a furious Nebraska rally. Michigan State led 27-3 heading into the fourth quarter before those Nebraska touchdowns set up a tense finish.  
**Next:** at Purdue, Saturday.
- Mississippi (5-0) beat No. 3 Alabama 23-17.** At Oxford, Miss., Bo Wallace threw for 251 yards and three touchdowns, including two in the fourth quarter, and the Rebels ended a 10-game losing streak against the Tide. Ole Miss has won five games to start the season for the first time since 1962.  
**Next:** at Mississippi State, Saturday.
- Mississippi State (5-0) beat No. 6 Texas A&M 48-31.** At Starkville, Miss., Dak Prescott threw two touchdown passes, added three Tebow-style TD runs, and Mississippi State overwhelmed Texas A&M. Prescott first plowed into the end zone for two short TDs and sealed it with an 11-yard quarterback draw that made it 48-17 in the fourth quarter.  
**Next:** vs. No. 5 Auburn, Saturday.
- Georgia (4-1) beat Vanderbilt 44-17.** At Athens, Ga., Hutson Mason threw two touchdown passes to Chris Conley, Todd Gurley ran for 163 yards with two scores and Georgia beat Vanderbilt. Gurley's first touchdown run, a 5-yarder, was out of the wildcat formation.  
**Next:** at No. 24 Missouri, Saturday.
- Stanford (3-2) lost to No. 9 Notre Dame 17-14.** At South Bend, Ind., the Irish amassed 370 yards of total offense against the nation's top defense, and The Cardinal (3-2) have two losses this early in the season for the first time since 2008.  
**Next:** vs. Washington State, Friday.
- LSU (4-2) lost to No. 5 Auburn 41-7.** At Auburn, Ala., LSU, which turned to freshman quarterback Brandon Harris, dropped its first two SEC games for the first time in coach Les Miles' decade-long tenure. Harris completed three of 14 passes for 58 yards before getting replaced late in the third quarter by Anthony Jennings.  
**Next:** at Florida, Saturday.
- Southern Cal (3-2) lost to Arizona State 38-34.** At Los Angeles, Jaelyn Strong caught a 46-yard touchdown pass from Mike Bercovici as time expired, and Arizona State scored three TDs in the final 3:53 to shock the Trojans. Bercovici capped his 510-yard passing performance with his third TD pass to Strong, who slipped in front of USC's Hayes Pullard at the goal line and pulled in the Hail Mary throw.  
**Next:** at Arizona, Saturday.
- Wisconsin (3-2) lost to Northwestern 20-14.** At Evanston, Ill., Godwin Igwebuike had three interceptions and Justin Jackson ran for 162 yards, helping Northwestern upset Melvin Gordon and Wisconsin.  
**Next:** vs. Illinois, Saturday.
- Nebraska (5-1) lost to No. 10 Michigan State 27-22.** At East Lansing, Mich., the Spartans shut down Nebraska's vaunted running game, and the Cornhuskers didn't score in the first half despite three Michigan State turnovers in its own territory. Nebraska's Ameer Abdullah, who was held to 45 yards rushing, scored on two short runs in the fourth as the Cornhuskers rallied.  
**Next:** at Northwestern, Saturday, Oct. 18.
- BYU (4-1) lost to Utah State 35-20, Friday.** There were hopes for an undefeated season, a major bowl bid and possibly even a Heisman Trophy. That all came crashing down Friday night. Not only did the Cougars lose for the first time, they also lost Tayshom Hill for the rest of the year.  
**Next:** at UCF, Thursday.
- Ohio State (4-1) beat Maryland 52-24.** At College Park, Md., J.T. Barrett completed 18 of 23 passes for 267 yards and four touchdowns and ran 16 times for 71 yards and a score for Ohio State in Maryland's Big Ten home debut.  
**Next:** vs. Rutgers, Saturday, Oct. 18.
- Oklahoma State (4-1) beat Iowa State 37-20.** At Stillwater, Okla., Desmond Roland ran for 95 yards and two touchdowns and Tyeek Hill returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown for Oklahoma State.  
**Next:** at Kansas, Saturday.
- East Carolina (4-1) beat SMU 45-24.** At Greenville, N.C., Shane Carden threw for 410 yards and four touchdowns to help East Carolina beat SMU in its American Athletic Conference debut. Justin Hardy had three first-half touchdown catches for the Pirates. Carden became the program's career passing leader midway through the third quarter while ECU finished with 581 yards.  
**Next:** at South Florida, Saturday.
- Kansas State (4-1) beat Texas Tech 45-13.** At Manhattan, Kan., Jake Waters threw for 290 yards and four touchdowns, ran for 105 yards and a score and led Kansas State past penalty-prone Texas Tech. Tyler Lockett had 12 catches for 125 yards and two scores, and Curry Sexton had nine catches for 128 yards and the other two scores, helping the Wildcats prepare for a showdown in two weeks with Oklahoma by easily dispatching the Red Raiders.  
**Next:** at No. 4 Oklahoma, Saturday, Oct. 18.
- Missouri (3-1) did not play.** Missouri wrenched early control of the SEC East when it rallied past South Carolina and then had a week off to prepare for another tough divisional test.  
**Next:** vs. No. 13 Georgia, Saturday.
- TCU (4-0) beat No. 4 Oklahoma 37-33.** At Fort Worth, Texas, Paul Dawson returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown, and TCU made a huge fourth-and-1 stop with just over 3 minutes left. Dawson's big pick for TCU came with 14:12 left. He raced untouched for a score to make it 37-31.  
**Next:** at No. 7 Baylor, Saturday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Academies roundup

Air Force  
shuts down  
Navy attack

The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Kale Pearson has Air Force halfway to the White House by taking it to the house three times.

Well, not him, per se, but his receivers after catching his pinpoint passes. Still, why quibble when meeting the President is within reach.

Pearson's short TD pass to Garrett Brown sealed the game with 35 seconds remaining as Air Force held off Navy 30-21 on Saturday, a significant step in the Falcons' bid to



Pearson

claim the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the first time since 2011.

The Falcons (4-1) just need to beat Army on Nov. 1 to claim the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, which represents superiority among the three service academies. If the teams all finish 1-1 in the annual round-robin competition, Navy, the two-time reigning champion, retains the prize.

This was a big first step, though, considering the winner of the contest has gone on to capture the last 17 trophies.

"It's something that we've been talking about since the season ended last year," cornerback Jordan Mays said of the service academy competition which comes with a trip to Washington, D.C., for the seniors.

Coach Ken Niumatalolo was trying to make sense of what transpired as his team dropped their third straight.

"Very disappointed," he said. "Disappointing because of how we've been playing."

Navy's Keenan Reynolds had a late TD pass, along with a 10-yard TD run in the second quarter. His run gave him 49 career scores, tying him with Ricky Dobbs for most in school history.

Reynolds was shaken up on one of the last plays of the game, but later said he was feeling "OK."

The loss? Now that left Reynolds smarting.

"The story was our inability to take care of the ball," Reynolds said. "You've got to take care of the ball."

**Army 33, Ball State, 24:** A week after squandering a lead and suffering an embarrassing loss, the Black Knights landed in a similar place. This time, they weren't going to be denied.

A.J. Schurr scored twice on short runs, Angel Santiago added a game-saving touchdown run in the waning moments, and Army's potent ground attack was enough to hold off Ball State 33-24 on Saturday at rainy Michie Stadium.

Coming on the heels of an overtime loss last week at Yale seemed to speak volumes. The Bulldogs play in the FCS and hadn't beaten an FBS team since dropping down to Division II's second tier in 1982.

The win snapped a three-game slide for Army (2-3), which has won both of its games at home. Ball State (1-4) lost its fourth straight.



BRANDON WADE/AP

TCU fans toss a fellow spectator into the air during the first half of Saturday's 37-33 upset of No. 4 Oklahoma at Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Shake: Upsets highlight unpredictable weekend

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Add to that No. 2 Oregon's loss to Arizona on Thursday night and it's the first time that four of the top six teams in the AP poll have lost in the same weekend.

No. 8 UCLA capped the upset weekend, falling 30-28 to Utah at the Rose Bowl. In all, 11 teams in the Top 25 lost, the first time that has happened since Oct. 11, 2003.

Might as well just hit the re-set button on the rankings.

"That's what I'll be doing all night," said Logan Lowery, a poll voter who works for the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal in Tupelo.

Oh, by the way, Arizona State beat No. 16 Southern California 38-34 on a Hail Mary touchdown pass, and Northwestern surprised No. 17 Wisconsin 20-14. Kentucky joined in, too, rallying to beat South Carolina 45-38.

Fortunately for the folks on College Football Playoff selection committee, they have three more weekends before they have to weigh in with rankings, and a couple months before they have to pick which four will play for the national championship.

Saturday's purge at the top of the polls suddenly makes all that talk about how Florida State wasn't impressive enough while staying undefeated seem a little silly.

The Seminoles were pushed three times in September but escaped, once without Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston.

The top-ranked Seminoles (5-0) got an easy win Saturday, 43-3 against Wake Forest, and then got to see all the teams that were supposed to be contenders to their



Utah kicker Andy Phillips celebrates after kicking a 29-yard field goal to beat UCLA 30-28 on Saturday in Pasadena, Calif.

national title go down.

Texas A&M was first, though that one was no upset. Dak Prescott cemented himself as a Heisman candidate by leading the Bulldogs to a rout.

Then things got weird.

Ole Miss rallied with two fourth-quarter touchdowns to snap a 10-game losing

streak against the Crimson Tide. The Rebels sealed it with an interception in the end zone by Senquez Golson with 37 seconds left.

The celebration in the Magnolia state had to stretch from Brookhaven to Biloxi. Both Mississippi teams will be in the top 10 come Sunday.

"As (the final seconds) happened, I thought 'This isn't the end of it all. It's just the beginning,'" Ole Miss receiver Laquon Treadwell said.

Minutes after the Rebels finished off Alabama, TCU made a fourth-and-short stop of Oklahoma deep in Horned Frogs' territory to thwart the Sooners last best threat. Oklahoma managed to get off a Hail Mary, but it sailed out of the end zone.

The last time four of the top six lost in the AP poll was 24 years ago, when No. 1 Virginia, No. 3 Nebraska, No. 4 Auburn and No. 5 Illinois went down.

A little less than halfway through the season, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, TCU and Arizona are undefeated. Alabama, Oklahoma and Oregon are not.

Who'll be in the top five now behind Florida State?

No. 5 Auburn took care of its business, blowing out No. 15 LSU 41-7. No. 7 Baylor, which plays TCU next Saturday, should move up after beating up Texas 28-7. No. 9 Notre Dame stayed unbeaten with a dramatic 17-14 victory over No. 14 Stanford. No. 10 Michigan State held off Nebraska 27-22.

On the road to the first college football playoff, Saturday was definitely the first detour.

MLB PLAYOFFS

NLDS: DODGERS 3, CARDINALS 2

Kemp lifts Dodgers with late HR

By BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Matt Kemp skipped down the first base line, watching his drive fly while calling out to the ball, trying to coax it to stay fair.

Once it sailed inside the foul pole and landed in the lower left field seats, he had salvaged a victory for the Los Angeles Dodgers after their bullpen almost gave it away.

Kemp hit a go-ahead home run leading off the eighth inning, lifting the Dodgers to a 3-2 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday night and evening their NL Division Series at a game apiece.

"This was big for us," he said. "I feel like we definitely do have the momentum. We got continue to go, though."

The crowd of 54,599 erupted in cheers as Kemp rounded the bases. Bubbles percolated into the hot night air from a machine in the dugout the Dodgers turn on to celebrate homers.

"It seemed like a mistake pitch to Matt and he's been hot, as everyone knows, and that was exciting," Dodgers starter Zack Greinke said.

No one looked happier greeting Kemp in the dugout than a once-distraught J.P. Howell, who had served up a tying, two-run homer to Matt Carpenter in the top of the inning after relieving Greinke. Kemp hugged Howell, who pointed skyward in relief.

"It was incredible, man," Howell said. "To me it was almost religious because I was praying so hard and it happened pretty quickly. I was pretty thankful."

Kemp connected against Pat Neshek for his fifth hit in the best-of-five series.

"He tried to get me with a couple of sliders," Kemp said. "I laid off some tough ones that were close on the plate, but he left one just out on the plate that I could do something with and I put a good swing on it."

Game 3 is Monday night in St. Louis, with John Lackey starting for the Cardinals against Hyun-Jin Ryu of the Dodgers.

"It was there for us and we let it slip away," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said.

Brandon League got his first-career postseason win with a scoreless-inning of relief. Kenley Jansen retired the side, striking out two, in the ninth to earn the save.

"Now we just got to get our rest in and try to beat the Cardinals at their place, just like they did here in the first game," Jansen said. "Got to go there and steal one."

Greinke pitched two-hit ball over seven scoreless innings a night after ace Clayton Kershaw gave up Carpenter's go-ahead three-run double in the seventh that helped the Cardinals win 10-3.

The low-key Greinke, who has pitched in Kershaw's shadow the



PHOTOS BY MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Dodgers' Matt Kemp celebrates his home run against the Cardinals during the eighth inning in Game 2 on Saturday. The Dodgers won 3-2 to tie the series at 1-1.



Cardinals relief pitcher Pat Neshek reacts after giving up the game-winning homer to the Dodgers' Matt Kemp.

last few years, tried not to put any extra pressure on himself to deliver a win.

"Any time personally I try to do more than 1 feel I'm capable of, it backfires," he said. "My game plan is always to try to lower my expectations and not try to do too much."

Greinke belatedly took the mound in the eighth after his teammates had already taken their positions. Manager Don Mattingly came out to get him, and Greinke left to a standing ovation.

"We're seeing two teams that don't really want to go home and that are fighting for every game

and every out and every pitch," Mattingly said. "It's what every body wants to see at this time of year."

Howell took over and promptly gave up a single to pinch-hitter Oscar Tavares before Carpenter tied it at 2. Carpenter is 4 for 8 in the series, with two homers, two doubles and six RBIs.

"I'm just trying to be aggressive," Carpenter said. "I'm getting some good pitches to hit, putting some good swings on it. I don't think there's any rhyme or reason to it."

Greinke struck out seven, walked two and didn't allow a runner past second base. He didn't give up a hit until the fifth, when Kolten Wong doubled down the right-field line before Greinke struck out the next two batters to end the inning.

Greinke was pretty nifty at the plate, too. He went 2-for-3 for his first career postseason multihit game, and even sid headfirst into third on Dee Gordon's single in the fifth that eluded Wong's dive at second base.

"It's really important fielding your position and hitting, not being an absolute out," Greinke said.

Cardinals starter Lance Lynn gave up two runs and seven hits in six innings, struck out eight and walked two.

The Dodgers took a 2-0 lead

in the third. Gordon's groundout to second base scored A.J. Ellis, who doubled leading off for his fifth hit of the series. Adrian Gonzalez's two-out RBI single made it 2-0, with Greinke scoring from second.

Mattingly had Greinke challenged a call that Greinke was tagged out going to second. After a review, the umpires ruled him safe when Wong tagged Greinke with his empty glove after Lynn had already moved the ball to his throwing hand to try for a double play.

The teams that share a combustible history in the playoffs were under control, even after Greinke hit Cardinals center fielder Jon Jay with a pitch in the first inning. Unlike a night earlier, when Yasiel Puig's plunking by Adam Wainwright triggered a benches-clearing scrum, everyone stayed put in their dugouts.

Puig, who drew attention with his neon-green batting gloves, struck out on a high fastball from Lynn in his first at-bat. Catcher Yadier Molina appeared to say something to Puig, who reacted and had to be walked away from back to the dugout by umpire Rob Drake. Puig struck out four times.

Molina and Gonzalez yelled in each other's faces in Game 1 as both benches and bullpens emptied without punches being thrown.

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Kansas City 9, Oakland 8, 12 innings

San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 0

DIVISION SERIES

(Best-of-5)

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Baltimore 2, Detroit 0

Baltimore 12, Detroit 3

Friday: Baltimore 7, Detroit 0

Sunday: Baltimore at Detroit

x-Monday: at Detroit (Miller 15-13)

x-Wednesday: at Baltimore

Kansas 2, Los Angeles 0

Kansas City 3, Los Angeles 2, 11 in-

nings

Friday: Kansas City 4, L.A. 1, 11 innings

Sunday: Los Angeles at Kansas City

x-Monday: Los Angeles at Kansas City

x-Wednesday: at Los Angeles

National League

San Francisco 2, Washington 0

San Francisco 3, Washington 2

Saturday: San Francisco 2, Washington

1, 18 innings

Monday: Washington (Fister 16-6) at

San Francisco (Bumgarner 18-10)

x-Tuesday: at San Francisco

x-Thursday: at Washington

St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 1

St. Louis 10, Los Angeles 9

Saturday: Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 2

Monday: Los Angeles (Ryu 14-7) at St.

Louis (Lackey 3-3)

Tuesday: Los Angeles (Haren 13-11) at

St. Louis (Miller 10-9)

x-Thursday: at Los Angeles

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Los Angeles

Greinke 7 2 0 0 0 2 7

Howell 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

League W(1-1) 1 0 0 0 0 1

Jansen 5(1-1) 0 0 0 0 0 2

Howell pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.

HPB-B by Greinke (Jay), WP-Greinke, T-

3:27, A-54,599 (\$6,000).

Giants 2, Nationals 1 (18)

San Francisco Washington

ab r h bi ab r h bi

GBlane cf 6 0 0 0 Span cf 7 0 0 0

Pank 2b 6 0 0 0 Rendon 3b 7 0 4 0

Posey c 5 0 0 0 Pineda lf 7 0 0 0

Sandoval 3b 7 0 1 1 LaRoche lb 7 0 0 0

Reno rf 7 0 0 0 Jeter ss 7 0 0 0

Belt lf 7 1 1 1 Harper lf 7 0 0 0

BClarks 5 0 0 0 Greinke p 7 0 0 0

Ishikawa lf 4 0 1 0 ACaner 2b 4 1 1 0

Aldred p 0 0 0 0 Thrift p 0 0 0 0

Scutaro p 0 0 0 0 Barrett p 0 0 0 0

Susac ph 1 0 0 0 Bluns p 0 0 0 0

Yerby p 1 0 0 0 Pineda p 0 0 0 0

GBrown ph 1 0 0 0 Stumm p 0 0 0 0

Strickland p 1 0 0 0 RShorin p 0 0 0 0

Thudsen p 1 0 0 0 Roark p 0 0 0 0

Machi p 0 0 0 0 Lopez p 0 0 0 0

Wright p 1 0 0 0 Storen p 0 0 0 0

MDuffy ph 1 0 0 0 Storen p 0 0 0 0

Yerby p 1 0 0 0 Storen p 0 0 0 0

JPerez lf 3 0 0 0 Zimrn ph 1 0 1 0

Los Angeles

Totals 57 2 8 2 Totals 62 1 9 1

San Francisco 000 000 001-2

Washington 001 000 000 000-2

DP-San Francisco 1, Washington 1.

LOB-San Francisco 10, Washington 10.

2B-Sandoval (1), Pence (1), ACabrera (1).

HR-Belt (1), Greinke (1), Greinke (1).

CS-Pence (1), S-G-Blanco, Thudsen.

San Francisco IP H R ER BB SO

Greinke 7 1 0 0 0 0 0

Machi 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

Storen 5(5-1) 1 0 0 0 0 1

Romo 1 0 0 0 0 0 1

Aldred 1 0 0 0 0 0 1

Yerby 1 0 0 0 0 0 1

VPineda lf 1 0 0 0 0 3 7

Strickland p 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

Washington

Zimmermann 8 1 3 1 1 6

Storen 5(5-1) 1 0 0 0 0 2

Clippard 1 0 0 0 0 0 2

Thorn 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

Barrett 0 1 0 0 0 0 0

Neshek 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

Bluns 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

Greinke 3 0 0 0 0 0 0

Storen 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

RShorin 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

Roark 2 1 0 0 0 0 3

Barrett pitched to 1 batter in the 12th.

T-6:23, A-44,035 (\$4,408).

## MLB PLAYOFFS

## NLDS: GIANTS 2, NATIONALS 1, 18 INNINGS



PHOTOS BY ALEX BRANDON/AP

The Giants' Brandon Belt is cheered as he returns to the dugout after his solo home run in the 18th inning of Game 2 of their NL Division Series against the Washington Nationals on Saturday in Washington. The Giants won 2-0 to take a 2-0 series lead.

## Giants outlast Nationals to take 2-0 lead

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brandon Belt, Yusei Kikuchi and the rest of the San Francisco Giants did what they do so well in October: They never give in, never give up, and win. Simple as that. No matter what it takes — or how long.

Even 18 innings.

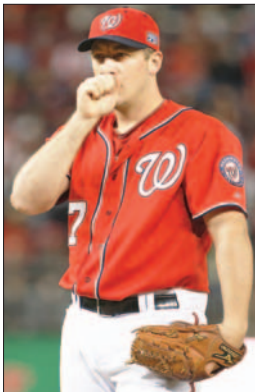
On and on and on the Giants and Nationals played Saturday, from afternoon until just past midnight, when Belt's homer off Tanner Roark leading off the 18th lifted San Francisco to its 10th consecutive post-season victory, edging Washington 2-1 for a 2-0 lead in their NL Division Series.

"That's how we do it. On paper, it might not be the flashiest thing, compared to a lot of teams. But I like this group against anybody in baseball," said Tim Lincecum, who started for the Giants and went 7 1/3 innings, leaving hours before the game ended. "Who'd have thought we'd have come here and won the first two? Everybody in America probably didn't think we had a shot. But everybody in this locker room knew that we did."

The teams tied the mark for most innings in a postseason game and set a time record at 6 hours, 23 minutes. They combined to use 17 pitchers and 24 position players.

"After a while," Giants rookie Joe Panik said, "every inning just kind of ran into the next."

Said Craig Stammen, one of eight relievers used by the Nationals after starter Jordan Zimmermann was yanked while ahead



Nationals starting pitcher Jordan Zimmermann blows on his hand to warn it in the sixth inning Saturday. Zimmermann was yanked with two outs in the ninth inning with the Nats up 1-0.

1-0 with two outs in the ninth after walking Panik: "The two worst things in baseball are boredom and frustration, and we were battling both of those tonight."

Somehow, Washington was shut out for

15 innings after Anthony Rendon's RBI single in the third.

The Giants can close out the best-of-five NLDS at home Monday in Game 3, with Madison Bumgarner — who tossed a shut-out against Pittsburgh in the wild-card game — facing Doug Fister.

"I'm sure it's going to be a quiet flight," said Zimmermann, who threw a no-hitter in the regular-season finale, then allowed only three singles Saturday.

Could be quite a sudden end to 2014 for the Nationals, who won the NL East and led the league with 96 wins. But after a pair of one-run losses, they're looking as if they're the latest team that can't figure out how to get past San Francisco.

Down to their final out Saturday, the Giants tied it in the ninth on Pablo Sandoval's RBI double off Drew Storen — the closer who blew a two-out ninth-inning lead in Game 5 of the 2012 NLDS against St. Louis.

Pettit entered in the 12th and threw six scoreless innings, allowing one hit and striking out seven, to earn the win.

"I was trying to get as much as I could out of him," manager Bruce Bochy said.

Hunter Strickland got the save with a scoreless 18th.

By then, the temperature was in the low 50s; the Nationals used a hot-air blower in their dugout.

Roark came on in the 17th. An inning later, he threw a 94 mph fastball on a full count to Belt, who missed 96 games this season because of a broken thumb and concussion and was 0 for 6 Saturday until that

at-bat. When he drove the ball into the second deck beyond right field, Belt dropped his bat and admired the shot as the Nationals Park crowd fell silent. When Belt got to the dugout, teammates slapped him on his head.

"I just wanted to get on base for the guys behind me — 'Get 'em on, get 'em over and get 'em in.' Fortunately, I put a good enough swing on it," Belt said.

Only one other postseason game in baseball history lasted 18 innings — when the Astros beat the Braves in a 2005 NLDS game that Hudson started for Atlanta. That one held the previous record for most time, at 5:50.

Bochy's Giants, who won the 2010 and 2012 World Series, were built to win this sort of marathon.

"They are relentless. They don't quit," Bochy said. "We had our hands full tonight."

Washington had three of its best hitters — Denard Span, Adam LaRoche and Bryce Harper — go a combined 0-for-21, and had manager Matt Williams and second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera ejected in the 10th after arguing a called third strike. Williams was asked afterward about the decision to lift Zimmermann, who retired 20 batters in a row until walking Panik — after the rookie launched a deep fly that barely sailed foul.

"Why did we decide to take him out? Because if he got in trouble in the ninth or got a baserunner, we were going to bring our closer in," Williams said. "That is what we have done all year."

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GIANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NATIONALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Shake it up

Top 25 turned topsy-turvy  
on sensational SaturdayBy RALPH D. RUSSO  
The Associated Press

Rip up those Top 25s and just start all over again. The biggest weekend of the college football season delivered a sensational Saturday that included three of the top six teams in The Associated Press poll getting beat.

No. 3 Alabama, beaten by No. 11 Mississippi 23-17. No. 4 Oklahoma, beaten 37-33 at No. 25 TCU. No. 6 Texas A&M, beaten 48-31 at No. 12 Mississippi State.

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Mississippi defensive back Mike Hilton celebrates his team's 23-17 win over No. 3 Alabama in Oxford, Miss., on Saturday.

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